

# ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2005

Population 2005 Census (as of December 31, 2005)	6,937
Number of Registered Voters	4,423
Area	21.83 Sq. Miles
Latitude	42°-30"
Longitude	73°-10"
Miles of State Road	6.75
Miles of Town Road	44
Tax Rate (Town)	\$16.45
Tax Rate (Fire District)	\$.54
Total Tax Assessed (Town—including Personal Property)	\$8,347,237
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District)	\$274,012
Total Valuation	\$507,430,837
'06 Town Meeting	May 1, 2006 (7:00 pm)
'06 Town Election	May 8, 2006 (10:00 am-8:00 pm)
'07 Town Meeting	May 7, 2007 (7:00 pm)
'07 Town Election	May 14, 2007 (10:00 am-8:00 pm)

**Please bring this report with you to the Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2006.**

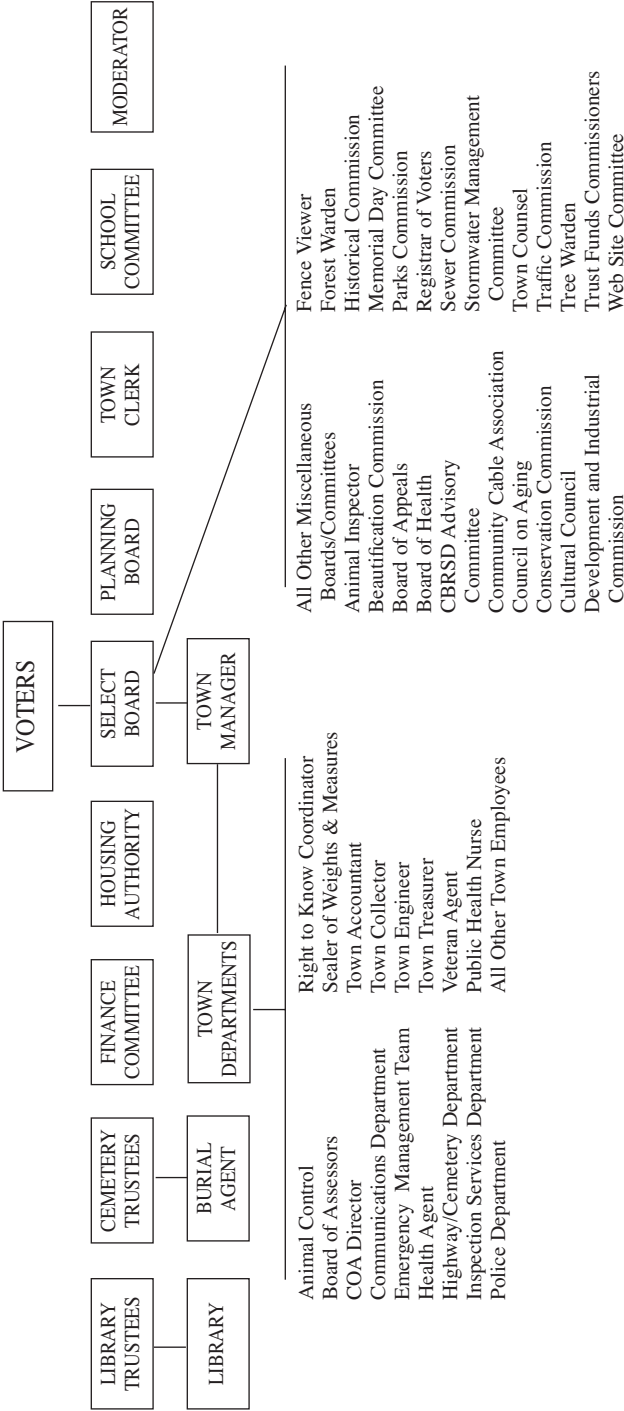
**Please note time change to 7:00 for all Town Meetings.**

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
<b>Select Board</b>		<b>Library Trustees</b>	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 3 Years)	
William E. Chabot, Chair	2007	John Kittredge, Chair	2007
David E. Fairfield	2008	Patricia M. Becker	2008
Lawrence A. Gingras	2006	Judith L. Douville	2006
Russell B. Sears	2007	Robin A. Higgins	2007
Thomas S. Szczepaniak	2008	Kelly B. Marshall	2007
		Gail A. Pinna	2008
		Joan M. Roy	2006
<b>Town Clerk</b>		Mark S. Rancourt	2006
(Term 3 Years)		Thomas L. Sedgwick	2008
Barbara L. Suriner	2006		
<b>Moderator</b>		<b>Planning Board</b>	
(Term 1 Year)		(Term 5 Years)	
Ronald J. Marcella, Sr.	2006	Thomas A. Burgner, Chair	2007
<b>Dalton Housing Authority</b>		Louisa M. Horth	2008
(Term 5 Years)		Richard F. Ladd	2006
Kathleen Burke, Chair	2006	Karen M. Quinn	2010
Florence E. Catelotti	2007	Stuart T. Sargent, Jr.	2009
Helen F. McGarry	2010		
Patricia A. Stottle	2008	<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Robin P. Higgins (State Appointed)		(Term 3 Years)	
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b>		Henry H. Williams III, Chair	2008
(Term 3 Years)		George H. Bissell	2008
H. Edwin Cady, Chair	2007	Christine A. Derby	2007
John P. Cooney	2006	William A. Drosehn III	2007
Marjorie E. Limburg	2008	David A. Fairfield	2006
		Robert J. Fox	2006
		J. Michael Hoffman	2007
		Richard E. Lacatell	2008
		Domenico Suppappola	2006

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Appointments for one year unless stated otherwise)

<b>Town Manager</b>	<b>Town Treasurer</b>
Kenneth E. Walto (2007)	Sharon M. Messenger
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Police Chief</b>
Deborah J. Merry	John W. Bartels, Jr. (2008)
<b>Town Accountant</b>	<b>Board of Assessors</b>
Sandra J. Albano (2007)	Frances M. Broderick, Chair.
<b>Town Collector</b>	Mary D. Blake
Jane A. Carman	Michael J. Britton

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS** continued

### **Board of Health**

Richard J. O'Brien, Chair.  
Cora E. Cooney  
Daniel M. Doyle  
George A. Finn III  
Edward F. Gero

### **Building Inspector/ Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Richard G. Haupt  
Jerry A. Sargent, Alternate  
John W. Bartels, Jr., Alt. ZEO

### **Inspector of Wiring**

John M. Broderick  
Ronald A. Smith, Alternate  
Brian M. Smith, Substitute Asst.

### **Inspector of Plumbing**

Stanley A. Greenleaf  
Richard A. DeGiorgis, Assistant

### **Council on Aging Director**

Susan P. Jacobs

### **Librarian**

Doris J. Lamica

### **Director of Communications**

Michael J. Norton

### **Fence Viewer**

Vacancy

### **Parking Clerk**

Kevin J. Bolduc (2006)

### **Superintendent of Streets Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks**

David E. Laviolette (2008)

### **Animal Control Officer**

Michael L. McClay  
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

### **Inspector of Animals**

Michael L. McClay

### **Board of Health Agent**

Edward M. Fahey

### **Veterans Agent**

Daniel K. Casey

### **Burial Agent**

H. Edwin Cady  
John W. Bartels, Jr., Alternate

### **Veterans Burial Agent**

Daniel K. Casey

### **Town Counsel**

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

### **Constables**

George W. Adams III  
John W. Bartels, Jr.  
Lawrence R. Higgins  
John M. Marley  
Kevin L. Miller  
Richard A. Nicholas, Jr.  
John L. Thibodeau

### **Police Matrons**

Nancy L. Daniels  
Melissa A. Phelps-Utter  
Rebecca Whitaker

### **Park Commission**

Select Board

### **Sewer Commission**

Select Board

### **Forest Warden**

Hubert T. White

### **Tree Warden**

Peter B. Bacon

### **Planning Board, Associate**

Vacancy

### **Custodian of Property Taken in Tax Title**

Sharon M. Messenger

### **Traffic Commission**

Christopher F. Cachat,  
FD Designee, Chair.  
John W. Bartels, Jr.  
Daniel D. Filiault  
Richard F. Kaley  
Adelard J. Nadeau  
Edmund Strzepa  
Hubert T. White  
Vacancy  
Lawrence R. Higgins, PD Designee

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Paul K. Vacchina

**Regional Transit Authority**

William E. Chabot

**Regional Planning Commission**

Stuart T. Sargent, Jr., Designee

Thomas A. Burgner, Alternate

**Emergency Management Director**

Kenneth E. Walto

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

Edward M. Fahey

**Dalton Cable Advisory Comm.**

Thomas D. Fenn, Chair

Dorothy W. Chapman

Isaac Crawford, Jr.

John W. Ostresh

Vacancy

**Central Berkshire 7-Town  
Municipal Advisory Committee**

Henry H. Williams III

Thomas S. Szczepaniak

**ADA Committee**

Mary E. Lamke, Acting Chair

Nancy E. Persson

3 Vacancies

**Housatonic River Restoration  
Gov. Council Representative**

Vacancy

**Berkshire Retirement Advisory Board**

Sharon M. Messenger

**Memorial Day Committee**

James J. McClure, Sr., Chair.

Daniel K. Casey

Robert J. Dassat

John H. Ellis

James D. Slater

Corey A. White

George D. White

2 Vacancies

**Waste Management Study Committee**

Peter Cachat

Edward F. Gero

Jennifer S. Gitlitz

2 Vacancies

**Right to Know Coordinator**

James L. Noel

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

James L. Noel

**Web Site Committee (2 Years)**

Frank W. McDonald, Chair (2007)

William E. Chabot (2007)

Robert J. Fox (2007)

Louise H. Frankenberg, Webmaster (2007)

Kenneth E. Walto (2007)

Malia Windrow-Carlotto (2007)

Andrew W. Wolan (2007)

**Library/Senior Center**

**Building Committee**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair

Judith M. Brooks

Cora E. Cooney

David E. Fairfield

Robin A. Higgins

Susan P. Jacobs

Doris J. Lamica

Anthony Pagliarulo

Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.

Mary Ellen D. Shea

**Commissioner of Trust Funds**                      Term  
(3 Years)    Expires

Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., Chair. . . 2008

Joseph S. Haddad . . . . . 2006

Ralph R. Johnson, Jr. . . . . 2007

**Conservation Commission**                      Term  
(3 Years)    Expires

Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair. . . . . 2007

Thomas W. Baker . . . . . 2007

Esther T. Balardini . . . . . 2008

James S. Duffy . . . . . 2006

Edward F. Gero . . . . . 2008

Christine A. Holmes . . . . . 2006

Dominick F. Sacco . . . . . 2006

**Board of Registrars**

(3 Years)

Term

Expires

Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair. ....	2007
Doreen P. Aleshevich .....	2006
Judith M. Ladd .....	2008
Barbara L. Suriner .....	2006

**Mobile Home Park Rent****Control Board (5 Years)**

William E. Chabot, Chair. ....	2007
David E. Fairfield .....	2008
Lawrence A. Gingras .....	2006
Russell B. Sears .....	2007
Thomas S. Szczepaniak .....	2008

**Board of Appeals**

(3 Years; Alternate, 1 Year)

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair. ....	2007
Edward F. Gero .....	2008
Mary E. Lamke, Alt. ....	2006
Stephen J. Psutka .....	2006
Vacancy, Alternate .....	2006

**Dalton Development/****Industrial Commission (5 Years)**

Kenneth E. Walto, Chair .....	2009
Robert M. Alessio .....	2006
Charles J. Dooley .....	2009
Michael J. Ferry .....	2006
David L. Kalib .....	2008
Robert A. Proskin .....	2008
Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. ....	2008
Stephen A. Sears .....	2006
William A. Suriner .....	2010
William R. Wilson, Jr. ....	2010
Susan C. Vigeant .....	2007

**Dalton Beautification Commission**

Annmarie Cicchetti, Chair .....	2007
Mary Jane Caliento .....	2008
Dorothy W. Chapman .....	2007
Allison B. Crane .....	2006
Doris E. Painter .....	2008
Deborah D. Smith .....	2007
Gary Turetsky .....	2006

**Dalton Historical Commission**

(3 Years)

Mary A. Walsh, Chair. ....	2008
Mary Jane Caliento .....	2008
Louisa M. Horth .....	2006
Margaret R. Miller .....	2008
Gail A. Pinna .....	2006
Mary Ellen D. Shea .....	2007
George D. White .....	2007

**Dalton Cultural Council**

(3 Years)

Term

Expires

Margaret G. Plumer, Chair .....	2006
Kathleen A. Desmarais .....	2006
James J. Ethier .....	2007
Michele N. Furlong .....	2007
Marjorie E. Limburg .....	2008
Monica J. Montferret .....	2006
Deborah J. Parkington .....	2008
Donald E. Harris, Jr. ....	2008
Vacancy .....	2008
Vacancy, Alternate .....	2006

**Council on Aging (3 Years)**

Anthony P. Doyle, Chair. ....	2006
Persis B. Caverly .....	2008
Marcia J. Brophy .....	2007
Judith M. Brooks .....	2008
Cora E. Cooney .....	2008
Sarah J. Frankland .....	2007
Helga C. Knappe .....	2006
Joyce F. Lacatell .....	2007
Marjorie M. Lillpopp .....	2007
Richard A. Nicholas .....	2006
David R. Powell .....	2006
Naomi K. Rauff .....	2006
Vacancy .....	2008
Vacancy .....	2007
Vacancy .....	2008

**Downtown Development****Review Committee**

Louisa M. Horth, Chair
William E. Chabot
Annmarie Cicchetti
Gail A. Pinna
William A. Suriner
Kenneth E. Walto

**Skateboard Park Committee**

Thomas S. Szczepaniak, Chair
Mary H. Frost
Mark J. Hall
Lawrence R. Higgins
Spencer T. Langenback
Sean J. Larkin
Matthew T. Provencher

**Stormwater Management Committee**

Robert W. Bishop, Jr.
Edward F. Gero
Richard G. Haupt
Richard F. Ladd
David E. Laviolette
James L. Noel
Richard J. O'Brien
Dennis Regan
Russell B. Sears

## SELECT BOARD

**William Chabot, Chairman**

Reflecting on the past year, Fiscal Year 2005 (FY2005) was another year of hanging on with reduced state aid and only our property taxes available to draw from to pay for town services. There are probably many reasons that might be blamed for the state of the commonwealth's finances...and consequently for our town's as well. These reasons might range from poor fiscal management of our taxes at the state level; reduction in federal assistance; increased health care costs; or maybe even the war in Iraq. The bottom line is we are all feeling the impact of the rapid escalation of our taxes. Looking at the data from the Department of Revenue, it shows that state-wide, taxes have dramatically increased since 1999. Where Dalton and the state median were essentially the same in FY1999; the state median today has jumped \$1200 in only six years. Such a large change is bound to be felt by all homeowners. On a positive note, I am very proud to say, the town of Dalton has, through disciplined management of available funds, been able to keep our taxes consistently lower than the state median over these six years. This would not have been possible without the many departments in our town assessing their budgets and cutting where they can to support a town budget that meets the town necessities. It also would not have been possible if it weren't for our townspeople who have shown through town vote that they have a clear vision and want to spend their money on improvements that are needed for the economic development that is vital to our growth and future development.

As a board, we have been aggressively pursuing initiatives with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Selectman's Association and our state legislature to increase state aid to our towns by demanding the release of lottery monies that were intended to be returned to the towns. We strongly feel this is money due to the towns, and is necessary to mitigate the increasing costs to our taxpayers.

Together, we have met several significant challenges throughout the year. The most significant to the town, but maybe not apparent to all, was not financial, but rather a climatic occurrence: the flooding caused by the torrential rain Columbus weekend in October. As you may recall, it rained and rained for several days. Our rivers and creeks began to fill and eventually reached and surpassed capacity. Residents were forced to evacuate Pomeroy Manor because of the extensive flooding and the bridge on Kirchner Road was washed out. Probably the most alarming event was the breeching of the Windsor Dam. Fortunately the measures our Water Department and Town Emergency Management Team put together carried us through a time that raised considerable concern about how best to protect its citizens. The situation was serious, but could have been much more serious, and it showed a need for a more comprehensive Emergency Management Program. As Homeland Security measures continue to grow as a response to the attacks of 9/11, some may think Dalton is far removed from this sort of similar situation. In reality, Homeland Security is a more comprehensive program based on a National Incident Management System (NIMS) to involve towns in managing disasters such as this past flooding. Our town has a great team in place with Chief White and Ed Fahey leading the charge. The town can feel secure as we continue to become better prepared should a catastrophic event occur in our town.





*Select Board members Thomas Szczepaniack, David Fairfield, Chairman William E. Chabot, Russell Sears, Lawrence Gingras*

Over the year a couple of changes within personnel have occurred that should be mentioned. First the board's newest member, David Fairfield, joined us in May. His background as a member of our town's finance committee has been a terrific resource to draw upon in making decisions. The second was the retirement of Jim "Cutter" Galliher. Cutter was a terrific Highway Superintendent and it was my pleasure to MC his retirement party in October. His affable personality made him a stellar town employee. His new replacement, Dave Laviolette, has demonstrated he, too, can easily move into the Highway Superintendent role, and do a terrific job. Thanks go to a great team of panel personnel that plowed through the many resumes and interviews and helped us choose Dave. It was time well spent.

In looking ahead, there are a lot of exciting things to look forward to in the coming year. Through the diligence of many people, South Street has made its way to the top of the Massachusetts Highway Departments list and is planned to be rebuilt this year. Housatonic Street has completed its 75% design phase and the town is working with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission on a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant and on the next part of our town's Master Plan: an Open Space Planning Document. We continue to pursue a viable space for a Skateboard Park and we are near completion of codification of our town bylaws. For the first time, our town bylaws will be assembled in a readable fashion and available electronically. Our plans continue to move forward with the development of a new Library and Senior Center; a great opportunity to support the elderly in our town. Probably most exciting to the many people that ask about this in any given month, our new cell tower at the American Legion will be in operation soon.

To close, on behalf of the Select Board, I want to thank the many volunteers who labor for our town to make it a better place to live. I also want to thank our Town Manager Ken Walto, our town employees and my constituents Tom Szczepaniak, Larry Gingras, Russell Sears, and David Fairfield for their support and dedication to the people of Dalton. Finally, I want to thank the people of Dalton. Without voicing your concerns, bringing your issues to the Select Board, supporting our town meetings or volunteering your time, the government of our founders is doomed to failure. Massachusetts is truly a government of the people, by the people. It continually needs your support for it to be effective. Thanks for your time and thanks for making it happen.

## TOWN MANAGER

**Kenneth E. Walto**

The past year saw continued progress being made on the library/senior center project. The town completed a grant application to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a library construction grant and was ranked number three in the commonwealth on the waiting list. We expect the grant to be awarded in 2006.

2005 was also a year of continuing fiscal difficulty, although state aid increased along with town revenues. The budget adopted by the town in May increased expenditures by \$233,164 (4.8%), while the school budget (rejected in May but adopted in June) provided for an overall increase of \$242,954 or 4%. A 7.1% increase in the schools' operating budget was fortunately offset by declines in required funding for transportation and capital expenses. Town revenues were projected to increase slightly by \$3,018 a gain of 0.2%; and state aid increased for the first time in several years by \$152,715 (14%) primarily due to restoration of lottery funding.

The town managed to stay under its proposition 2½ levy limit by utilizing a total of approximately \$1.0 million in reserves, free cash and other state reimbursements. Nonetheless, the budget required an overall tax increase of 5.08%. The average homeowner saw a tax increase of 4.06% or \$114 per year. The budget left the town only \$95,000 under its tax levy limit.

The Select Board adopted a \$28 million dollar five-year capital improvement plan in June. Approximately sixty percent of projected expenses is expected to come from the state and federal sources for the reconstruction of Housatonic and South streets, the library/senior center project, and the creation of an industrial park.

In June, the town approved funding for the current year of the Capital Plan; \$267,500 of five-year debt and \$40,147 in reserve funds was authorized and appropriated. All funding for the town's share of the Capital Improvement Program Budget is derived from reserves so as not to impact the tax rate.



The plans to reconstruct Housatonic and South streets are approaching completion; designs for both are 75% complete. It is expected that the South Street project would be bid in the fall 2006 with construction beginning in 2007.

In other significant efforts, the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission continued its planning assistance to the town with special efforts on behalf of economic development and stormwater management projects. Dalton-ma.gov, the town website is on the Internet thanks to the efforts of the Web Site Committee and volunteer Webmaster Louise Frankenberg.

Also in 2005, veteran police officer John Bartels, Jr., was appointed Police Chief and longtime foreman David Laviolette was appointed Highway Superintendent to replace Jim "Cutter" Galliher who retired. I congratulate John and Dave on their appointments and thank Cutter for his long service to the town. I wish him health and prosperity in retirement. His wise counsel will be missed.

I thank the town's employees whose continued dedication and cooperation is evident in the smoothly functioning municipal government. Likewise, I thank the town's many boards and commissions who labor without compensation for love of the community.

I want to especially thank the Select Board for its continued support. The Town Manager form of government cannot work well without the close and continuing collaboration of the Select Board and Town Manager. I also thank the Select Board/Town Manager secretarial staff that continually performs "above and beyond the call of duty."

## **DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

**Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman**

The Dalton Development and Industrial Commission is the town's economic development agency. The commission was organized following a recommendation of the 2001 Master Plan, and was "accepted" by the town at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. By law, the commission's mission is to "promote and develop the industrial resources of the town" and to "investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects for the purpose of strengthening the local economy." 2005 was the third full year of operation for the commission. During its third year, the commission continued to advance two projects of primary significance.

Work continued on the creation of an Industrial Park. Of the eight sites originally outlined in the Dalton Business Development Plan, two are actively being considered. SK Design was retained by the town to do a preliminary design for the sites. Both lie between South Street and Hubbard Avenue on undeveloped land. The first site is just south of the railroad line. The approximately 40-acre parcel would cost \$767,372 to develop, excluding land acquisition. It could be subdivided in up to nine lots of varying sizes. That site, however, is hampered by poor access onto either Hubbard Avenue or South Street. A second site lies just to the north of the rail line. Approximately 35 acres would cost \$1.1 million to develop, exclusive of land acquisition, and could be divided into 8 lots. Ideally,

it will be connected to the southerly site and provide access to Hubbard Avenue and South Street via existing curb cuts. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is assisting the town to prepare a funding strategy for one of the two sites, and has assisted the town in obtaining a “Smart Growth” Technical Assistance Grant from the state for that purpose.

Construction commenced for the downtown façade and signage improvement project. The project is being funded by the state through a \$250,000 Federal Community Development Block Grant. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is administering the project. Thus far, nine projects have been approved for \$195,000. The Dalton Garage, West Automotive, Center Block, and Dalton General Store were completed. The remaining projects will be completed in 2006.

The commission also provided assistance to businesses seeking locations in the town and recommendations to the Select Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals on issues affecting the economic development of the town.

I thank the commission members for their gift of time to the town. Their selfless efforts will help to insure the economic health of the community for years to come.

Members of the Commission are Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman; Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair; Robert M. Alessio; Michael J. Ferry; David Kalib; Robert A. Proskin; Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.; Stephen A. Sears; William A. Suriner; Susan Vigeant; and William R. Wilson, Jr.

#### **HISTORICAL FACTS ON THE POWER OF JUST ONE VOTE**

**1645**

One vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England

**1776**

One vote gave America the English language instead of German

**1868**

One vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment

**1875**

One vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic

**1876**

One vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the United States

**1923**

One vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party

**1941**

One vote saved the Selective Service—just weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked

**If you think otherwise, history is proof that  
one deciding vote can make a difference**

*Your vote does count!*

*—Town clerks in collaboration with Judy St. Croix, Wayland, and Larry Pizer, Plymouth*

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

**Michael McClay**

It's been another busy year for Animal Control issues. Along with my daily duties I had 593 calls through the dispatch center. There were 9 dog bite and 2 cat bite cases last year, and there were 7 confirmed rabid animals in Dalton. Fines for bylaw violations were collected in the amount of \$4,895.00. There were 18 dogs and 12 cats quarantined for direct exposure to wildlife which had the possibility of being rabid.

As a reminder to Dalton residents, all dogs 6 months of age or older must have proof of a rabies vaccination and be licensed through the town. All cats 6 months of age must also be vaccinated for rabies. Rabies will continue to be a problem in our area for many years to come.

With spring approaching, problem wildlife—skunks, raccoons, opossum, squirrels, etc.—will make a return to our area. The best way to deal with these animals is to avoid them. Make your house and property as secure as possible and not give them ideal housing. I can assist you with methods to accomplish this by calling me at my business phone, 684-6111 ext. 28. Please do not trap these animals yourself as they may be sick or cause injury to you. Relocating wildlife is illegal in Massachusetts.

A copy of Dalton animal control bylaws may be obtained through the Town Clerk's office. I can be reached by leaving a message on my business phone; if you need immediate help call 684-0300.

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Anthony Doyle, Chairman**

The Dalton Board of Appeals (also known as Zoning Board of Appeals or ZBA) is created by authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A section 12. Board members are not elected; they are appointed by the Select Board for three year terms. The terms are staggered so that the term of one member shall expire each year. Alternate members are appointed to a one-year term.

Dalton has a three member board which requires that all favorable decisions be unanimous; otherwise, they are considered denied. In addition to the three regular members, Dalton has two alternate members who will sit on the board in place of a regular member who may be absent or has a conflict of interest with a case before the board.

Current members are:

Anthony P. Doyle	Chairman
Stephen Psutka	Vice-Chairman
Edward Gero	Clerk
Mary Lamke	Alternate

The recording secretary is Bonnie Callaghan.

By statutory authority the board is:

1. To hear and decide appeals based on inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provision of MGLA Chapter 40A, by the regional planning agency, or by any person including an officer or board of the town aggrieved by an order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings, or other administrative official.
2. To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the board is empowered to act under the town's zoning by-laws.
3. To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in MGLA Chapter 40A, Section 10.
4. To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a zoning administrator, in accordance with MGLA Chapter 40A, Section 13.

During the 2005 calendar year, the board held eighteen public hearings. Nine were hearings for special permits and five were hearings for variances. Additionally the board heard one petition that was a combined request for a special permit and variance and three requests to renew previously issued special permits.

This year saw the departure of longtime board member Robert Betit, who officially retired after many years of devoted service. Edward Gero has been appointed a regular member of the board to fill Bob's position.

The board generally meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally a special meeting is held to accommodate scheduling problems. Notice of all board meetings are posted in town hall and all meetings are open to the public.

## **DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**Fran Broderick, Chairperson**

Never before in Dalton have we seen properties listed for sale for over a million dollars. However, that has been the trend for 2005, with properties selling up to 50% and more over their assessed value. We would all like to jump on that band wagon, as many people "flip" homes and make large profits. Real estate is the place to be investing. Most of us who grew up in Dalton do not work on Madison Avenue and have children in school; by the time they graduate and plan to move back home, we won't be able to afford our homes. Soaring property taxes are a top worry across the country—people are facing being taxed out of their homes.

The increase in the market will reflect the assessed value of homes again next year. The average single family home of \$160,350 increased to \$178,925. The average single family home saw an increase of \$130 in its tax bill.

The town's total property valuation increased from \$447,111,318 to \$507,430,837. The increase in value from 2005 of \$60,319,519 was due to market adjustments, new single family homes, additions, improvements, and the new cluster housing development of Silver Maple Farm. The Silver Maple Farm project is close to total completion. We saw the bulk of our new growth from Silver Maple Farm. Unless future developments such as cluster housing or commercial/industrial developments occur, we will not see any new growth. New growth is needed to support continued increases in the Central Berkshire Regional

School District and town budgets.

Here’s hoping that the budget hikes proposed by Governor Romney will benefit the Berkshires. However, his new calculation uses a community’s property wealth to determine its ability to pay for schools and calls for personal income to be a more prominent factor in the formula. He also proposed that rapidly growing communities which welcome new housing construction be rewarded with more education aid, while those which lose students would see their funding cut. This could be a problem for the Central Berkshire Regional School District and the town.

I would like to thank all members of the Board of Assessors and our clerk, Mary Blake, for their excellent service to the town.

Frances M. Broderick, M.A.A., Chairperson  
Michael J. Britton, M.A.A., R.M.A.  
Mary D. Blake, Assessor/Clerk

**Statistical Report for the year as follows:**

<b>Tax Levy Calculation</b>	<b>Fiscal 2005</b>	<b>Fiscal 2006</b>
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 12,776,119.89	\$ 12,666,598.27
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 4,889,076.24	\$ 4,319,361.00
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 7,887,043.65	\$ 8,347,237.27
Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$ 447,111,318.00	\$ 507,430,837.00

<b>Fiscal</b>	<b>Town Tax Rate</b>	<b>Fire District Tax Rate</b>	<b>Valuations</b>	<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>
2006	\$ 16.45	\$ 0.54	\$ 507,430,837.00	\$ 8,347,237.27
2005	\$ 17.64	\$ 0.51	\$ 447,111,318.00	\$ 7,887,043.65
2004	\$ 16.94	\$ 0.54	\$ 428,341,054.00	\$ 7,256,097.45
2003	\$ 17.57	\$ 0.60	\$ 384,121,172.00	\$ 6,749,008.99
2002	\$ 18.16	\$ 0.64	\$ 360,849,818.00	\$ 6,553,032.70
2001	\$ 17.74	\$ 0.56	\$ 358,244,578.00	\$ 6,355,258.81
2000	\$ 16.24	\$ 0.58	\$338,639,571.00	\$6,251,286.48

Number Assessed on Personal Estate	289
Number Parcels Assessed on Real Estate	2,656
Number Assessed on Farm Animal Excise	1
Number of Acres Land	13,971

**Number of Dwellings (Family) Units**

<b>Year</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Condo</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Total</b>
2005	2,004	192	26	23	2	4	1	103	1	<b>2,356</b>
2004	1,998	183	25	23	2	4	1	64	1	<b>2,301</b>
2003	1,994	187	28	23	2	4	1	50	1	<b>2,290</b>
2002	1,986	187	28	23	2	4	1	50	1	<b>2,282</b>
2001	1,982	186	27	23	2	4	1	50	1	<b>2,276</b>
2000	1,975	187	27	23	2	4	1	50	1	<b>2,270</b>
1999	1,960	189	26	22	4	2	1	50	1	<b>2,254</b>

Number 1 includes 36 Mobile Homes



**Motor Vehicle Excise**

Year	No. of Vehicles	Value	Abatements	Excise
2005	7,539	\$ 36,434,750	\$ 22,548.33	\$ 773,967.58
2004	7,427	\$ 34,981,850	\$ 20,497.55	\$ 759,097.92
2003	7,420	\$ 33,507,400	\$ 24,784.26	\$ 723,845.67
2002	7,180	\$ 29,122,450	\$ 17,573.91	\$ 660,850.59
2001	7,081	\$ 29,473,097	\$ 20,036.11	\$ 642,023.62
2000	7,006	\$ 28,781,900	\$ 22,552.21	\$ 623,432.40
1999	6,971	\$ 26,055,750	\$ 21,089.43	\$ 572,638.10

**Exemptions**

Fiscal Year	No. Granted	Total
2005	74	\$ 27,775.00
2004	79	\$ 27,600.00
2003	93	\$ 32,175.00
2002	104	\$ 35,125.00
2001	98	\$ 33,475.00
2000	105	\$ 34,750.00

**Real & Personal Property Abatements**

Fiscal Year	Amount Abated	Fiscal Year	Amount Abated
2005	\$ 16,198.15	2002	\$ 4,751.66
2004	\$ 30,605.18	2001	\$ 9,468.29
2003	\$ 7,277.49	2000	\$ 3,997.32

**TOWN MODERATOR****Ronald J. Marcella**

On March 14, 1743, the first recorded Town Meeting in America was held at Fan-euil Hall in Boston. This real democracy form of conducting a town's business is still in use today by towns throughout our Commonwealth, and is still operating smoothly two hundred and fifty-three years later.

In Dalton we use an Open Town Meeting which allows townspeople to attend Annual Meetings to discuss and vote items on the warrant. Special Town Meetings are held throughout the fiscal year on an as-needed basis to conduct business that was not ready to be decided at the annual meeting, or becomes necessary at a later date.

This year I hope to reinstate an old custom that has become lost, at the opening of meetings: a prayer along with the Pledge of Allegiance. The local clergy have agreed to take turns in presenting an ecumenical prayer at the start of the meetings.

I encourage everyone to come to a Town Meeting and express your feelings and exercise your vote on the important issues facing the operation of our town and the safety and caring for our residents, youth and seniors.

Please keep this form of real democracy, started two hundred fifty-three years ago, alive.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

**Annmari Cicchetti**, Chair

The Dalton Beautification Commission (DBC) was established in June 2001 by the Dalton Select Board in response to interest expressed by citizens that more should be done to enhance the physical beauty of Dalton.

An attractive appearance of the main street in any community sends a message to both the inhabitants and those passing through that this is a town that cares about its living space. The DBC believes that such a show of pride of place helps to build a shared sense of belonging, respect, and responsibility. It is the goal of the DBC, working with other town departments and the community at large, to create a more appealing, pleasant, and inviting place in which to live, work, and play.

The core of the DBC is made up of a seven-member commission, appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. The current DBC members are Mary Jane Caliento, Dorothy Chapman, Chairperson Annmarie Cicchetti, Allison Crane-Guyer, Secretary “Deb” Painter, Deborah Smith, and Gary Turetsky. All town residents are welcomed to join the group in planning, supporting and implementing the DBC’s projects.

The DBC’s main funding source is a small annual stipend from the town. However, the commission is most grateful to the Dalton Rotary which has supplemented the budget with an annual contribution. The DBC has also been fortunate to receive a grant from the Berkshire Garden Club.

The Dalton Beautification Commission has completed many community projects in 2005:

- Working closely with Dalton Tree Warden Peter Bacon, the DBC assisted in surveying sites for the planting of trees purchased under the Massachusetts Re-leaf program.

- Organized and completed a spring clean-up campaign with help from the community volunteers and the Dalton Rotary.

- Fall of 2005, DBC petitioned the MassHighway Department to develop a small parcel at 202 Main Street and with the generous assistance of the Dalton Highway Department planted an assortment of tulips and daffodils. Look for an early spring burst of color there.

- DBC has joined the Dalton Council on Aging in sponsoring the “Keep Dalton Walking” project scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2006.

- Ongoing, the DBC has received extraordinary assistance from Dalton Highway Department and Dalton Volunteer Fire Department. The Highway Department initially prepared our green spaces for planting and Dalton Volunteer Fire Department has watered our floral displays throughout the growing season.

The DBC looks forward to attracting even more community volunteers to expand our efforts at beautification. During the growing season, June through October, the DBC holds a weekly “weeding party,” Mondays from 6-7 p.m. meeting at the Methodist Church parking lot, welcoming any additional volunteers.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**ANNMARIE CICHETTI 684-3966**

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Members: Elizabeth A. Erb, *Chair*  
Doreen P. Aleshevich  
Judith M. Ladd  
Barbara L. Suriner, *Clerk*

**Barbara L. Suriner**, *Town Clerk*  
*Elections Administrator*  
*Supervisor, Board of Registrars*

In 2005, we conducted special registration sessions prior to the May 2 Annual Town Meeting, the May 9 Annual Town Election, and the June 27 and October 17 Special Town Meetings. Scheduled 2006 special registration sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 11, the last day to register to vote at the May 1 Annual Town Meeting and May 8 Annual Town Election. Special sessions will also be held from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 30 and October 18, the last dates to register to vote at the September 19 State Primary Election and the November 7 State/School Election. All registration sessions are held in the office of the Town Clerk. The place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts as there is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The board registered and processed 207 new voters plus address changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked 1,317 signatures for certification on the 8 initiative petitions/public policy questions, 10 nomination papers and 2 local petitions to the Select Board in circulation in 2005; and deleted 306 inactive/moved voters. Our computerized program enabled us to complete this arduous task in a timely and efficient manner, transmitting totals to the Secretary of State automatically. Annual Town Election nomination papers which will place candidates directly on the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Election ballot will be available February 1 at the Town Clerk's office. The deadline for submission of papers to the Board of Registrars is 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2006, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 53, §6.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that when signing nomination papers or petitions, please keep the following in mind: 1. Sign only if you are a registered voter. 2. Sign your name and your residential address as listed on our census records (no post office boxes are allowed). 3. If you have poor penmanship, print your name in the same box with your signature, as an undistinguishable signature cannot be certified. 4. Do not sign your spouse's name or any name other than your own. Also, if you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and notify you of any precinct changes. If any of your family members are not registered to vote, please encourage them to do so.

We are currently online with the Secretary of State, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and all cities and towns in Massachusetts as part of a computerized Central Voter Registry, the first in the nation. Since 1997, we have used VRIS exclusively for both census and voter registration functions. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the post office, the library, Wahconah Regional High School, and the Council on Aging, as well as at the Town Clerk's office.

Frank A. Slowick of 22 Central Avenue, who was born January 19, 1901, continues to hold the distinction of being our oldest living resident.

We thank Dalton residents for their excellent response in returning the local census forms mailed in January of each year. The majority of citizens return in a prompt and cooperative manner which we greatly appreciate, allowing us to

achieve the highest possible level of accuracy.

**Statistical figures as of December 31, 2005, are as follows:**

**REGISTERED VOTERS (Active Status)**

Democrats	1,308	(29.57%)
Republicans	603	(13.63%)
Libertarian	24	(0.54%)
Green Rainbow	10	(0.23%)
Inter. 3rd Party*	4	(0.09%)
Unenrolled	2,474	(55.94%)

(aka Independent)

\*(Political Designation)

TOTAL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	4,207
TOTAL INACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS	216
TOTAL ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	4,423
TOTAL POPULATION	6,937

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Rich O'Brien**, Chair

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state statutes and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of five appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 4PM on the first Monday of each month at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairman Rich O'Brien, Cora Cooney, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle and Drew Finn. The town also contracts with the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association to provide health services for the residents of Dalton such as flu immunization clinics and screenings.

## **HEALTH AGENT**

**Edward Fahey**, Agent

The town employs a part-time Health Agent to act on behalf of the Board of Health. Edward Fahey is responsible for enforcing many state and local regulations for the protection of the public health and the environment. A registered sanitarian licensed by the state, the Health Agent performs housing inspections, reviews designs and issues permits for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Investigating resident complaints and issuing emergency permits for the trapping of beavers and collecting of birds for West Nile Virus testing are also required duties. The agent also acts as the town's designated noise control officer as well as the emergency management coordinator.

Dalton has over 40 businesses, schools, nursing homes and church organizations that require food establishment inspections twice a year to ensure compliance with all state regulations.

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY 8-4; WEDNESDAY 8-4; THURSDAY 8-1**

If you need to contact the Board of Health, please call 684-6111, ext. 20.

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

**Cemetery Trustees**

To the citizens of the town of Dalton, we respectfully submit the following report for the calendar year 2005.

There were 75 burials in 2005, 38 memorial foundations poured, 13 flush markers installed, and 17 veterans' markers were put into place.

New lots were assigned to the following 22 families:

Christiana Rennie	Richard Ferryall	Joseph Brigley	George Horton
Mary Higgins	Lorraine Reynold	John Klironomos	IdaMay Persson
Irving Witham	John Cahill	William Stafford	Marshall Porter
John Sorrenson	Robert Taylor	Steven Zink	Margaret Stevens
Margaret Hickey	Harry Stedman	Harold Booth	David Stedman
Agnes Brooksbank	Charles Strong		

Again we thank the Highway and Cemetery Department leadership and staff for their outstanding care of the cemetery landscaping and grounds, and for their interest and concern in maintaining our cemeteries in fine condition. Thanks also for Hazel Turner's valuable assistance in burial and memorial planning, and in record keeping.

Special thanks goes to Jim "Cutter" Galliher for his many years of fine leadership in the Cemetery Department; we certainly wish him well in his retirement.

We welcome with pleasure Dave Laviolette, the newly appointed Superintendent of the Highway & Cemetery Department, and look forward to working with him.

Marjorie O'Keefe completed nine years of energetic and devoted service as a Cemetery Trustee in May 2005 before deciding not to seek re-election. We thank her for her fine service to the citizens.

In May 2005, Marjorie Limburg was elected a Cemetery Trustee, and has been active and energetic since then. Congratulations and welcome to her.

During the spring months a grant application was prepared with the professional assistance of Elizabeth Shepard Rabadam, and in June the finished grant was submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission seeking funds for historical preservation at the East Main Street, Main Street, and Fairview cemeteries.

Special thanks once more go to Bernie Smith, who voluntarily continues to work to beautify our cemetery grounds and plants.

We also again thank Tom Szczepaniak of Variety Trucking for his donation of time and equipment to remove snow and ice from gravesites for winter burials.

Berkshire County Sheriff Carmen Massimiano once again contributed a group of workers to assist us with fall grounds cleanup, for which we are thankful.

Monthly Trustees meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Main Street Cemetery office. These are public meetings, and we invite attendance by anyone wishing to speak with the Trustees.

We thank the lot holders, families, friends, and citizens for their cooperation in abiding by the rules and regulations posted in the cemeteries. The complete rules and regulations may be seen at the Main Street Cemetery office.

Town designation of new areas for future cemetery use remains a critical issue in the face of continuing development of the land areas in the town which might be suitable for cemetery use.

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

**Richard G. Haupt**, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

There has been a considerable amount of construction here in town this past year and also a good bit of planning for new projects in 2006. The total number of permits is down from the previous year due to the conclusion of permitting for the Silver Maple Project.

**Year 2005                      Permits Issued: 278                      Declared Value: \$6,249,096**

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

New Homes	16
Residential Additions and Remodeling	142
Accessory Buildings	22
Pools	9
Demolition	5
Commercial Additions and Renovations	17
Signs	9
Solid Fuel Appliances	34
Fences	17
Residential Garages	5
New Commercial Building	2

It is unfortunate that during periods of increased construction, unqualified contractors have taken advantage of both homeowners and business owners. If you are planning a project, be aware that the town of Dalton, in concert with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provides the consumer with considerable protection from fraud. It is incumbent upon the consumers to inform themselves of what permits are needed for any given project and what the qualifications are for the contractors doing the work. The Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and the Wiring Inspector are all available to answer questions to ensure a code compliant job.

**Office Hours:** Monday and Tuesday: 8-4  
Wednesday: 8-12  
Thursday: 8-6

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

**Paul K. Vacchina**

For the period commencing January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2005, inclusive, a report of the Sealer of Weights & Measures has been submitted to the state Division of Standards as per law.

One over 10,000 lb. scale was sealed; one 5,000-10,000 lb. scale was sealed; seven 100-5,000 lb. scales were sealed; and nine under 100 lb. scales were sealed. Thirty-six gasoline measuring devices were sealed.

Sealing fees of \$775.00 were collected.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The past year has been busy for the Conservation Commission. The commission has been working on the Silver Maple Farm subdivision project, a project being developed in an area that is surrounded by wetlands. The commission has spent a large amount of time working with the developer, wetland scientists and project engineers to make sure that the wetlands are not adversely affected. This project is expected to reach completion by October 2006. The commission conducted many site inspections after the unusually large volume of water that fell in early October. This abundant rainfall created large areas of flooding throughout the town. Emergency work orders were granted in order to stabilize some of the areas of concerns.

The commission welcomes concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. The commission’s monthly meetings are scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Crane Room.

**Commission Members**

Robert Bishop, Chairman  
Thomas Baker, Vice-Chairman  
Esther Balardini  
James Duffy  
Katherine Garcia  
Edward Gero  
Christine Holmes  
Domenick Sacco

**Statistics for 2005**

Determinations of Applicability	10
Hearings for Notices of Intent	6
Wetland Violations	5
Certificates of Compliance	3
Extension of Orders of Conditions	2
Field Site Inspections	30
Enforcement Orders	5
Request for Determination of Applicability	10
Emergency Permits	5

**COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**Michael J. Norton**, Director

In the year 2005 the Communication Center logged a total of 17,787 calls; of these 1800 were 911 calls. In addition the Communication Center also handled 5000+ calls which are not logged; these are calls for information on a number of topics from citizens in the towns that we cover. In 2005 we had one full-time dispatcher resign—Marge Murray. We would like to thank Marge for her years of service to the town. We have also added 3 new reserve dispatchers; they are Maria Doyle, Mike McClay, and Brian Swires.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone who may have cause to use the 911 system that we have only one dispatcher working at a time. Therefore, a situation which results in multiple 911 calls becomes a very hectic time for that one dispatcher. After getting the information on the emergency from the first caller the dispatcher is then occupied with the radio system in an effort to dispatch any emergency services that may be needed. If you see a situation which you think could be an emergency, do not hesitate to call 911 and report it; just keep in mind if the dispatcher seems somewhat short or brief with you it probably means the dispatcher has already received a call for that situation and

is trying to dispatch the proper services to respond. When multiple 911 calls come into the Communication Center the dispatcher must answer all the calls as they come in. After the first call, the dispatcher's main concern with the other 911 calls coming in, is to be sure they are for the same situation, and not for something unrelated to the first call. Therefore when the dispatcher answers the additional 911 calls the main concern is to verify with the caller that it is in fact the same situation already reported. The dispatcher must try to keep the call as brief as possible in order to answer any other 911 line which is still ringing. So please do not hesitate to dial 911 when it is appropriate but keep in mind that the dispatcher on duty is there alone and if we seem short and rude with you that is not the case—we are just really busy.

## COUNCIL ON AGING

**Susan P. Jacobs, Director**

Your office of the Council on Aging is located in the Dalton CRA at 400 Main Street, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. We are staffed by full-time Director Susan “Sue” Jacobs, full-time office assistant Beverly “Bev” Benoit, and part-time (15 hours/week) Outreach/Wellness and Health Insurance (SHINE) Counselor Patricia “Pattie” Pero. Our goal is to identify community needs, coordinate or develop services, and educate our residents.

Of Dalton's general population, 1,494 are over age 60. In this reporting year, we provided direct services to an estimated 624 of these residents, of which forty-eight percent were over age 75. We recorded 5,029 calls for general information, and 376 health benefit counseling (SHINE) sessions.

The current “hot topic” is Medicare Part D. Pattie Pero is our SHINE Counselor (a state-wide counseling program, SHINE stands for Serving the Health Insurance information Needs of Elders). She began in July '05 holding informational programs to explain the new federal prescription plan and to answer the many questions people have about it. Since then, she has held at least two programs each month, and will continue to do so as long as residents continue to have questions and problems with the new plan.

### Senior Center

Work continues on developing a plan for a senior center as part of a “community center” project which will include a new library and town museum as well.

Our need for additional program space was supported by the results of the last two surveys done by the COA which showed a strong interest among our retirees for a variety of programs which included crafts, computer classes, concerts, hobby classes, lectures, movies, discussion groups, education/enrichment, dancing, woodworking and ceramics.

Currently, we offer exercise classes (three on Tuesday and one on Thursday), Bridge on Thursday afternoon and Oil Painting on Tuesday afternoon at the CRA. The Lunch Program and other activities such as Triad, Sunday Lunch, Serve and some educational programs are held off-site. The Dalton VFW has hosted Triad for several years; the First Congregational Church of Dalton allows us the use of their facility for Sunday Lunch, Serve, educational programs and



90+ Birthday Parties, and our annual Volunteer Recognition is held in the parish hall of St. Agnes School. The Preschool Reading Program is held in the Methodist Church hall, and the LIFE (Living Is For the Elderly) current—and not so current—events discussion group is held at Craneville Place every other Monday afternoon. It is difficult for our staff to plan and oversee activities held “off-site,” so we look forward to having all of our programs under one roof.

### **Listing of COA Programs/Services:**

**Transportation:** Lift van service Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM for residents age 60 and over and handicapped residents of any age. In the previous fiscal year, we provided a total of 3,209 rides for 81 elders, and an additional 771 rides for 15 disabled, non-elderly residents.

**Newsletter:** Published quarterly and mailed to each elder household in town.

**Veterans History Project:** The Dalton COA became a partner in the Veterans History Project which is part of the American Folk Life Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Visit their web site at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) to see us listed as a partner, and then listen to one of the many stories collected and preserved as part of our nation’s history. COA board member Richard Nicholas heads up this program, and has coordinated the recruitment and training of interviewers, scheduled interviews with area veterans and worked with John Ostresh at Dalton Community Cable to tape each of their stories. This is an exciting project! If you are interested in helping, or would like to tell your story, please call the COA office.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We currently have 98 folks who volunteer their time through the COA. In this reporting period, these generous people gave 3,608 hours of their time serving our community through the programs and services of the COA. An annual Recognition Event is held each spring.

**Intergenerational Programs:** Preschool Reading Program each Wednesday morning (follows the school calendar), and Bridges: Seniors & Children Exploring Aging as a Lifelong Process, a 7-8 week series with fourth and fifth grade students.

**Triad:** A cooperative effort between Dalton Police, Berkshire County Sheriff and District Attorney, the Council on Aging and local seniors to reduce criminal victimization of elders. Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at the Dalton VFW at 1 PM.

**Health & Fitness Clinics:** Monthly Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics are held, as well as the annual Flu Shot Clinic. Osteoporosis Prevention Exercise Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Dalton Travelers:** Local group of travelers led by COA volunteers, Jim and Catherine Rivers. Sign-ups for all trips are announced in the Community Notes column of the Berkshire Eagle.

**Serve:** A volunteer community-building program that works like a food cooperative. Monthly signups. Open to everyone: “If you eat, you qualify.”

### **Dalton Senior Club**

Under the capable leadership of Richard Murphy and Barbara Salvatore, the Dalton Senior Club held monthly lunches at area restaurants through 2005. For information on future plans, please contact Richard at 684-3637. Longtime



Senior Club leader, Martha Silvernail passed away on June 28th. Martha's name first appeared in Senior Club records in early 1979, over 26 years ago. For the past several years, there have been very few Tuesday or Thursday mornings when she could not be found at the center window table in the CRA lobby with her smile and bowl of M&M's. Martha is sorely missed by the many friends she made in the Senior Club and among the public who passed through the CRA.

### **Friends of the Dalton COA, Inc.**

The Friends of the Dalton COA was formed in 1987, and has continued its history of support of COA activities. Executive Committee membership includes Helga Knappe, President; Marjorie Limburg, Vice President; Anne Lange, Secretary; Judith Trumble, Treasurer; and members Richard Murphy, Audrey Poirier, Catherine Rivers, John Bartels, Sr., Doris Fiorini, David and Carol Powell. Many more residents became general members as a result of the Friends' first general membership appeal. All members are welcome to attend the Friends' annual meeting on the first Wednesday in June at 12:00 noon in the Dalton CRA. (The 2006 Annual Meeting date is June 7th).

### **Dalton Council on Aging Board of Directors**

Members on the COA Board of Directors are appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. As stated earlier, members set the policies of the COA, as well as actively participate in many programs. Current membership includes Anthony Doyle, Chairman; Judith Brooks, Vice Chairman; Joyce Lacatell, Clerk; David Powell, Treasurer; and members Helga Knappe, Richard Nicholas, Naomi Rauff, Marjorie Lillpopp, Marcia Brophy, Sarah Frankland, Persis Caverly, Cora Cooney, and Cynthia Costello. Two members resigned this reporting year: board member Richard Murphy who served 18 years, and Dana Becker who served 3 years. Both contributed much to the efforts of the COA, and will be missed. Meetings, posted and open to the public, are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the CRA large conference room.

Additional information on all of the above is available by calling the COA at 684-2000, or visiting our office at 400 Main Street (the CRA) Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM.

### **HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED**

Information, letters, pictures, etc., wanted on Civil War veterans from Dalton. Also looking for names of members of the Dalton State Guard and information, letters, pictures, etc., pertaining to them. Contact G.A. Pinna at the Dalton Historical Commission.

# VETERANS SERVICE

**Daniel K. Casey, Agent**

During calendar year 2005, the following activity occurred:

Five bronze veterans footmarkers were ordered and received from the VA. The VA provides the markers free of charge to qualifying veterans. Cost of installation is \$99.00 for granite markers and \$119.00 for bronze markers payable to the Town of Dalton.

Five Presidential Memorial Certificates were ordered for families of deceased veterans.

Several requests for renewal of Dependent Military ID Cards for widows of veterans were referred to Westover Air Reserve Base, Chicopee, MA.

There were numerous requests for replacement of lost DD214s.

One AID AND ATTENDANCE benefit was applied for and granted by the VA for a qualifying veteran's widow residing in an Assisted Living facility.

One AID AND ATTENDANCE benefit was applied for and granted by the VA for a former WW11 POW (Prisoner of War) currently residing in an Assisted Living facility in Pittsfield.

I would like to thank Richard A Nicholas, Sr., Susan Jacobs, COA, and John Ostresh, Dalton Community Television, for their organizing and establishing the VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT in Dalton. This project was established by the Library of Congress and its purpose is to "collect the memories, accounts, and documents of war veterans from WW1, WW2, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars and to preserve these stories of experience and service for future generations."

## IN MEMORIAM

### *WORLD WAR II*

John D. Cahill  
William H. Hawley  
Camillo Lucaroni  
Marshall A. Porter  
Sydney S. Scott  
Eugene K. Steele  
Harold E. Topping

Robert F. Gerhardt  
Donald A. Lee  
George V. Perreault  
Franklin J. Quinn  
Robert A. Snyder  
William E. Stafford, Sr.  
Thomas H. White

Albert M. Haskins, Sr.  
Harry C. Lincoln, Jr.  
Duane (Duke) Poincelot, Sr.  
Howard M. Shultis  
Harry F. Soules, Sr.  
Robert E. Taylor

### *KOREA*

Charles Tucker

## THE LIBRARY/SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

**Doris Lamica**, Librarian, and **Susan Jacobs**, Director, COA

The need for additional space for the Dalton Free Public Library and the Council on Aging has been well-documented over the past two decades.

For the COA, a lack of space for confidential individual and family counseling has been most critical for the staff. In addition, responses to two surveys showed a high level of interest for a variety of programs and support groups which they have been unable to provide without the necessary space. Although the COA is very active in providing many services, these services must be held at other sites within the town. The two-day-per-week lunch site was moved in February to the Guild Hall of Grace Episcopal Church. The goal of the COA is to have a central site for programs and activities.

During the past twenty years not only has the book collection of the library increased from 32,000 volumes to over 41,000 but new collections of paperbacks, large print books, books on tape and CD, videos and DVDs, board books, multi-media kits, and CD-ROMs have been added. Space has been used for computer stations for public access to the Internet. There is inadequate room for staff work areas, private study rooms, storage, or conducting library programs. The building is not up to code for handicapped accessibility nor is there any parking except on a busy state highway.

The library and COA have been actively participating in the planning of a municipal complex since late 2002, overseeing the process of finding the most feasible site, soliciting proposals, and selecting the architectural firm to perform the feasibility study. After considering numerous options, the decision has been made to construct a new library building on the site of the old Dalton High School and to renovate the old school for a senior center, an historical museum and other offices. This decision has been approved by the Select Board, the boards of the Library Trustees and Council on Aging, and a town meeting vote.

Under the direction of the Designer Selection Committee, Hill Engineering prepared a preliminary design of a one-story building of 19,000 square for a new library. The facility will contain enough space to meet the library needs of the community for the next twenty years. The new plan for the library includes a community meeting room, a children's room with space for storytime programs, a section for young adults, a periodical reading room, a secure area for the local history collection, and enough space for the collections of books and audio-visual materials, computer stations, study areas, staff offices, and storage. The building will be totally handicapped accessible and there will be adequate parking. The preliminary plan was submitted as part of an application to the state for a construction grant in February of 2005. In July of 2005 the town was placed on a waiting list for a grant of over \$2.6 million for a new library. In March 2006 the state legislature was considering an appropriation bill which would fund construction grants for libraries on the waiting list.

With the approval of the voters to change the old Dalton High property from school to municipal use, Hill Engineering is preparing to advance the planning for the senior center to the same level as the library; that is, to complete the

schematic drawings necessary for the town to apply for additional state and federal funding for the project.

The Designer Selection Committee with several new members has evolved into the Building Committee which is now overseeing this project. Membership of the Building Committee consists of the Town Manager, a member of the Select Board, two representatives each from the Library, Council on Aging and Historical Commission and three at-large community members. Meetings are posted on the Town Hall calendar.

## **DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Doris Lamica, Library Director**

During 2005 the Dalton Free Public Library received the good news that it was placed third on the waiting list for a state grant of \$2.6 million for a new building. Funds must first be appropriated by the State Legislature and then the town must secure the balance of the funding for the project. During the year a building committee was organized with former members of the Designer Selection Committee and several new members to continue to oversee the Library/Senior Center project. Much effort and planning have already gone into this project and it is an exciting opportunity for the town of Dalton.

The town appropriated funds this fiscal year to enable the library to join CWMARS, the automated network system for libraries in central and western Massachusetts. As 2005 ended, new computers had been acquired and plans were underway to convert to this system. Some circulation policies were changed to conform to the policies of the network. Once the library begins circulating materials with this new system, patrons will be able to check their records, reserve and renew materials from home computers. They will also be able to use their library card at any member library.

Offering Internet access to patrons continues to be an important service of the library and an average of 64 people each week used this service during 2005. Wireless capability was added during the year and the older computers will soon be updated with more memory and newer versions of Windows. Security software and hardware were also installed on the public computers during the year. A new web page for the library was designed by Tammi Munn and Zackary Walsh and includes pictures, new links, and a listing of new acquisitions which is updated each month. Check it out at: [www.vgernet.net/dfplib/index.html](http://www.vgernet.net/dfplib/index.html)

To meet patrons' wishes for newer formats of materials, the collections of DVDs and books on CD were nearly doubled during 2005. The number of books on CD increased from 128 to 227 and the DVDs from 123 to 225. DVDs for children were also purchased. A collection of DVDs from PBS was purchased with funds from the Crane Charitable Foundation.

We added new museum passes for patrons to borrow during the year. We now have passes for the Norman Rockwell Museum, Mass MOCA, Arrowhead, the Clark Art Museum, the Berkshire Museum and Hancock Shaker Village. Most of these passes were purchased with donations from the Friends of the Library.

The monthly book discussion group was again a popular program during the

year. It is held from September to April on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend this informal program. From September 2005 to April 2006 we are reading and discussing books which feature different cultures and countries. Among the selections are "The Kite Runner," "Like Water for Chocolate," and "Memoirs of a Geisha." Other programs for adults offered during the year were a slide show on Africa presented by Russell and Stephanie Sears, a knitting workshop, and a talk by local author Kevin O'Hara.

Programs for children included the preschool storytime on Thursdays during the school year with Children's Librarian Katherine Hoag, in collaboration with Wendy Provencher from the Central Berkshire Community Partnership. Funds from a Library Services and Technology Act grant allowed us to purchase new puzzles, games, CD-ROM educational games, videos and DVDs for the children's collection. Additional materials for the parenting collection were also acquired and the LSTA grant provided funding for a series of nine programs for parents and caregivers. The programs were held in the spring at the Dalton United Methodist Church and in the fall at Craneville School. Craneville jointly sponsored two sessions on nutrition. Other topics included self-esteem, ways to reduce stress, early literacy, and solving everyday problems with children.

The summer reading program attracted a large number of children with 176 registering. Craft programs held during the summer were well attended. About 75 children and parents enjoyed the performance of storyteller Tim Van Egmond at the conclusion of the program. This event, held at the Dalton United Methodist Church, was made possible by a grant from the Dalton Cultural Council and a donation from the Friends of the Library.



*You're never too young to start reading!!!*

The Friends of the Library continue to be an important source of support for the library. Their principal sources of funds are the membership drive in the fall and the book sale in the spring. During 2005 they supplied funds for prizes for the summer reading program, craft supplies, newspaper subscriptions, books for the book group, speaker fees and bookmarks. The officers for 2005-2006 are: President—Rosemary Crosier, Vice President—Catherine Rivers, Treasurer—Patricia Nixon, Secretary—Betty-Ann Hamm, Membership Chair—Richard Mullins, and Members-at-large—Mary Kaley, Nancy Gardner, and Gail Pinna. The Executive Board meets quarterly and all members are welcome to attend these meetings. The schedule for the meetings is posted at the library. The annual meeting of the Friends for 2006 will be held on Wednesday, May 10th and all are invited. There will be a short business meeting with the election of officers, a guest speaker and refreshments. New members are encouraged to become involved in this organization.

During 2005 Mark Rancourt and Gail Pinna joined the Library Board of Trustees. Thank you to retiring member Raymond Fischer for his many years of service. The officers for 2005-2006 are: Chairman—John Kittredge, Vice Chair—Patricia Becker, Treasurer—Thomas Sedgwick, and Secretary—Robin Higgins. Judith Douville, Kelly Marshall and Joan Roy are also currently serving on the board.

I want to thank the staff—Katherine Hoag, Lynn Bilotta, Gladys Lofink, Patricia Filiault, Jess Winnard, Tammi Munn and Zackary Pierce—for their work. The contributions of volunteers Ann Serridge, Jim Rivers, Phyllis Strzepa, and Mary Kaley are also appreciated. Thank you also to the Friends of the Library, the Trustees, the Town Manager, and Select Board for their support and assistance during the year.

## **BRIEN CENTER MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

**Marjorie Cohan**, Executive Director

The Brien Center remains committed to providing high-quality, fully licensed mental health and substance abuse services to Berkshire County, primarily through counseling and treatment centers located in North Adams, Great Barrington and Pittsfield.

Previously known as Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of the Berkshires, the Brien Center represents several mergers and a clinical collaboration with Berkshire Medical Center. The Brien Center is now the largest supplier of such services to the region, providing 10,000 greater Berkshire County residents a year with a continuum of care that includes crisis care, psychiatric services, outpatient therapy, and residential and rehabilitation services.

From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, we provided services to 395 residents of the town of Dalton.

While we continue to receive some state funding and allocations from United Way, these alone are insufficient to cover the entire cost of the uninsured and

under-insured persons who seek our services. For this reason, we count on annual allocations from cities and towns in Berkshire County to help us fulfill our mission of providing adequate services to all persons in need.

We wish to thank you for your past and continued support. If there are any questions regarding our agency or the services that we provide, please call 413-499-0412.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Hubert T. White, Fire Chief**

Number of Calls:

Fire .....	143
Ambulance. ....	497
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	43
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>683</b>

2005 was another busy year for the Fire Department between training and responding to emergencies. The number of calls increased slightly over last year.

Over the past few years, the emergency services have been faced with many challenges. The dedicated men and women of the Dalton Fire Department have met these challenges while moving forward, adapting to advancements in equipment and technology.

I want to thank the officers and members who give so much of their time to provide the citizens of Dalton with emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I would also like to thank the other departments of the town as well as the residents for their continued support and cooperation.

**FOREST WARDEN**

**Hubert T. White, Forest Warden**

In 2005 the Dalton Fire Department responded to five brush fires. Most of these occurred during the spring open burning season when permitted fires got out of control. A reminder to citizens that open burning is allowed from January 15th to April 30th only after obtaining a permit at the Fire Station. The regulations are given out with each permit. Once you have obtained the permit, you must phone the fire station each day you plan to burn. Brush is the only material that is allowed. No demolition materials may be burned. Last year 215 permits were issued.

I wish to thank the citizens of Dalton for their cooperation.



**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Susan I. Gregory**, Executive Director

<b>Board of Commissioners:</b>			<b>Term Expires</b>
Chairperson	Kathleen Burke	96 Curtis Ave.	2006
Vice Chairperson	Helen McGarry	293 High Street	2010
State Appointee	Robin Higgins	33 Carson Avenue	2006
Member	Florence Catelotti	E. Deming St.	2007
Member	Patricia Stottle	106 Tower Road	2006

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The Annual Meeting is held on the second Monday in May.

Current programs are: 40 units at Pomeroy Manor and 28 units at Pinegrove Manor under Chapter 667, low-income elderly/disabled. We also have 6 units under Chapter 705, low-income families.

We have one-bedroom units for the elderly and three-bedrooms for families. These are funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development in Boston. We have a lengthy waiting list for our 667 elderly program; we have an extensive waiting list for our 705 family program.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. One person \$34,550. Two person \$39,500.

Our fiscal year is from October 1st to September 30th. Our quarterly report dated September 30, 2004, states the following:

Income	\$291,832.00
Expenses	\$242,224.00
Net	\$ 49,608.00

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Gail A. Pinna**, Secretary

It has been an extremely exciting and historic year for the Dalton Historical Commission. Our main goal remains to protect and preserve our local artifacts as well as our many historic sites.

We had the pleasure of having Kevin O’Hara speak to us on May 18th in the Crane Room. He told heartwarming stories of his journey through Ireland with his faithful donkey Missie Mickdermot. His book, titled “Last of the Donkey Pilgrims,” was written with humor and love, brought us much laughter and amusement. A pleasurable question and answer period as well as a book signing followed.

On May 20th, 2005, the Pittsfield Police Department held a memorial to honor and remember Secret Service Agent William Craig (the first U.S. Secret Service agent killed in the line of duty), as well as three other officers who lost their lives. While William Craig was shadowing President Theodore Roosevelt, the President’s carriage was hit by a trolley in Pittsfield. The carriage overturned and Mr. Craig died from his injuries. The President was staying with Senator W. Murray Crane in Dalton, who was with the President on that tragic day, September 3, 1902. Attending the memorial were several members of the Dalton Historical Commission, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sears. Mr. and Mrs. Sears



are descendants of David J. Pratt, who was driving the carriage at the time of the accident.

On August 7, 2005, the Dalton Cultural Council held an exciting event on the Community House lawn at which the Historical Commission exhibited a history of the Crane Memorial Foundation, and displayed literature written by Senator W. Murray Crane.

The Historical Commission, along with the Dalton High School reunion committee, orchestrated a cemetery walk on August 20, 2005, which took place at the Main Street Cemetery. Members of the Historical Commission researched Spanish American, Revolutionary and Civil War Veterans, as well as cemetery history, vegetation, and the chapel. As the members and visitors walked along, the members explained the topics they had researched. Louisa Horth organized and printed a beautiful brochure of the Main Street Cemetery which was mailed to Dalton High School reunion members and handed out to visitors of the walk. The walk was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

On September 14, 2005, Dr. Norene Roberts, accompanied by Mary Walsh, attended a Massachusetts Historical Commission meeting at which Dr. Roberts presented the Cranesville Historic District to the Massachusetts State Review Board. The Cranesville Historic District had been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, which is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our town's heritage. After Dr. Robert's official presentation, Mary Walsh spoke on behalf of the Dalton Historical Commission. The nomination passed on the state level. Phil Bergen of the Massachusetts Historical Commission explained that the nomination would be sent to Washington, and within 45 days we would receive confirmation whether the Cranesville Historic District would be recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Bergen was a gracious host during our visit to the Massachusetts Archives Building, where the meeting was held. The first week in November, we



*Some friends and members of the Historical Commission during 2005 cemetery walk (l to r): Gail A. Pinna, Bernie Smith, Mary Jane Caliento, Mary Bartlett, Louisa Horth, Bonnie Reed, Mary Walsh, and Annmarie Cicchetti*

received notification that the Cranesville Historic District passed on the federal level. After many years of working on this project, which began in the late 1980s, the commission is gratified by its success. Our plans are to continue to work toward having our two remaining districts nominated to the State and National Historic Register.

On October 1st, the Historical Commission participated in the Upper Housatonic Heritage Trail Annual Berkshire Walk, starting at the beginning of Gulf Road and ending at Wizards Glen. The Upper Housatonic Heritage Group and the Historical Commission sent out brochures containing pictures of Gulf Road and Wizards Glen; about 20 attended the walk. Members of the Historical Commission regularly meet with the Upper Housatonic Heritage Group.

In October we had a retirement party for Janet Barton in recognition of her many years of service on the Historical Commission. Her hard work over the years is greatly appreciated. She will continue on the commission as an associate member.

Louisa Horth organized and printed a calendar as a fundraiser this year. The 2006 calendars were very popular and sold out quickly.

Two candidates for the Historical Commission were proposed and accepted by the Select Board. We welcome new member Peggy Miller, and welcome back former member Mary Jane Caliento. Mary Jane brings a wealth of information that is invaluable to the commission and the town. Her knowledge and work experiences will benefit the Hoose House at the corner of Gulf Road and High Street. In 1863 Edward Hoose was a farmer with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment (African-American heritage). There are 5 references to the underground railway in *Berkshire Hills Monthly* from 1901 to 1905, and three more with unknown sources. With Mary Jane's assistance, we are hoping to further research this topic. Thank you to Mary Jane and Louisa for organizing an interesting booklet on the Hoose House.

On December 17, 2005, we participated in the Annual Christmas Walk, which featured a wonderful display of pictures of Dalton businesses past and present at TD Banknorth. It was a splendid evening of fun, family and friends.

With the assistance of Elizabeth Shepard Rabadam, the Cemetery Trustees, and Ken Walto, we applied for and received a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Preservation Fund for Dalton's three historic cemeteries, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The commission always accepts donations of historical items pertaining to the town. All items are carefully catalogued in our office at the Town Hall.

We are always receptive to anyone who is interested in becoming a member or an associate. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Crane Room, located in the Town Hall. Our meetings adhere to the Massachusetts open meeting laws, and anyone is welcome to attend.

**Members:** Chair—Mary A. Walsh, Vice-Chair—Gail A. Pinna, Treasurer—Louisa Horth, Mary Jane Caliento, Peggy Miller, Mary Ellen Shea, George White

**Friends of The Historical Commission:** Mary Bartlett, Janet Barton, Anne Marie Cicchetti, Carolina Galliher, Stacia Garvey, Pat Guild, Coralie Ingraham, Ruth Moody, Bonnie Reed, Carol Sears, Vicki Sedgwick, Bernie Smith, Joyce White

**HIGHWAY/CEMETERY/SEWER DEPARTMENT****David Laviolette, Superintendent**

This department's primary mission is the maintenance and improvement of part of the town's infrastructure: roads, sewers, drainage, cemeteries, and parks. This work is performed and accomplished by a very dedicated and professional staff with many years of experience.

The 2004-05 winter season was a very long, tiring and expensive season due to a large amount of snowfall from January to April, and again in November and December. The removal of snow and ice from the roads, followed by sanding, is accomplished as quickly and efficiently as possible. Variety Trucking, a private contractor, plowed the main sidewalks around our school areas. The cemeteries remained open for winter burials, thanks to Variety Trucking who donated time and equipment in clearing many of our gravesites for burials.

All of the sand and salt and winter debris has to be cleaned up during the spring season. All town streets are swept and cleaned by a combination of a private contractor and the town's sweeper and personnel. The private contractor sweeps most of the central or residential streets for the town and highway personnel take care of the outskirts of town. Most of the sweeping material is recycled. Some of the sand is mixed with gravel and stone and reapplied to our dirt roads as processed gravel; some of it is mixed with compost and then screened and used as loam for the parks, cemeteries, and shoulders of roadway; and some of it is used for backfill for many of our excavation projects.

All of the town's dirt roads were graded and reshaped in the springtime and processed gravel applied as needed. Most of our culverts are also cleaned and flushed at this time.

We are very busy in the cemeteries in the spring, cleaning up the winter debris and preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Berkshire County Sheriff, Carmen Massimiano's community service program is very helpful in both our spring and fall cleanup by providing extra manpower so our cemeteries are in tiptop condition.

Springtime is also clean-up time for our parks for the upcoming recreational season. Any winter damage to the parks is taken care of, and preparation for the baseball and softball diamonds is done.

The sewer and drainage systems are cleaned and flushed periodically. In some areas the sewer system is cleaned almost monthly to prevent back-ups. Most of the catch basins are cleaned of sand and debris and flushed with a high velocity sewer flusher.

Orchard Road and Old Windsor Road were resurfaced this year and we added more drainage to help with the winter road conditions and also new guardrails. In addition, Crane Avenue was resurfaced.

We had an enormous rainfall and extreme high winds in October causing many of our streets to wash out. The roadways were scattered with downed trees and tree limbs, and other debris. The cleanup and repairs to the roads were very time-consuming and costly for our department. FEMA declared a Flood Disaster and promised reimbursement for part of the cost of labor and material. On Kirchner Road a culvert was washed out, closing the road for a period of time. The state repaired and paid for the major cost of that repair.

The department capital improvements included a new riding lawn mower for the cemetery and parks and a new loader/backhoe to be used in all the departments.

It is a challenge to maintain an infrastructure of 45 miles of town streets with all its related problems. I would like to thank the dedicated staff that makes up our Highway-Cemetery-Sewer-Parks Department for its efforts.

I would like to thank the citizens of Dalton, the Select Board, the Town Manager, and all other town employees and boards for their co-operation, support, and guidance in helping our department achieve another productive year.

## **MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

**James J. McClure, Chairman**

Once again Dalton had a very successful program in observance of Memorial Day. All veterans' graves were decorated with American flags, thanks to the efforts of Dalton's Troop #4 Boy Scouts of America under the direction of Memorial Day committeeman John Ellis, and the Scoutmaster, and teacher Beverly Favreau with her Grade 3 students at Craneville School.

On Memorial Day hundreds of patriotic Daltonians once again turned out for the annual Memorial Day observances honoring the veterans of all wars who have given their lives for their country. This year's ceremony was dedicated to Mary Ano, a former member of the Wahconah Regional staff and the Dalton Memorial Day Committee.

For the first time the flag of the town of Dalton, provided by the Historical Commission, led the parade. The flag was carried by Nessacus Middle School honor students Sarah Hamilton and Katherine Woods, followed by wreath bearers from the Wolf Pack Den of Cub Scout Pack #42.

Music for the traditional parade was furnished by the excellent Nessacus Middle School Band led by Andrew T. Garcia. Line of march was: Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War; the Select Board; the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Fire Department; the Police Department; Boy Scouts; Campfire Girls; Cub Scouts; Deputy Sheriffs Association; the Nazarene Church Caravan; Dalton Town Manager; and Representative Denis Guyer.

After the parade the customary Memorial Day services were held at the Mount of the Unknown Dead in the Main Street Cemetery. The speaker of the day was James Army, Past Commander of the Department of Massachusetts American Legion. Others who participated in the program included John Cooney, Master of Ceremonies; Wahconah High School orators Rick Kowalczyk and Brad Duncan; and John Ellis, Chaplain of the American Legion. The Middle School Band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and a beautiful rendition of "America." The American Legion Firing Squad fired a salute to the dead; "Taps" was played by William Henderson with the Echo performed by Adam Dachlino. The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Edward Painter, pastor of the Dalton United Methodist Church.

Special thanks are extended to all of the residents and friends who honored us

with their presence at the Memorial Day services.

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the Memorial Day committee for all their effort in putting the program together.

**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTIONS 2005**

**Stanley A. Greenleaf**, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

<b>Total Plumbing Permits</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>Total Gas Permits</b>	<b>123</b>
Residential	68	Residential	102
Commercial	25	Commercial	15
Industrial	12	Industrial	6

**PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT**

**Daniel D. Filiault**, Interim Executive Director

The CRA ended 2005 in a period of transition. In October Debra Cronin-Brown, the Executive Director for 11 years and an employee for 27 years, resigned to pursue personal interests. The staff and members of the CRA wish Debbie the best of luck. Her contributions to the CRA have been many and she will be missed.

I was asked by the Board of Governors to supervise the CRA while a search is conducted to find a new Executive Director.

The Community Recreation Association, Inc., is an organization founded by W. Murray Crane in the late 1800s to provide recreational activities for the citizens of Dalton. In 1908 the Dalton Youth Center was built for use by young men of the community and was affiliated with the YMCA of America.

In 1922 Sen. Crane recognized that there was a need to provide recreational activities for both men and women and he commissioned the building of the Community House at 400 Main Street. The building was dedicated in November of 1923 and provided to the community as a facility that could be used for the recreational and social activities of everyone.

The CRA was created at that time to provide programs for the citizens of Dalton. People from outside communities could apply for membership to the board of governors and if approved paid a fee to belong to the organization. The Dalton Youth Center remained a YMCA with its own board of governors and trustees.

Many things have changed over the past 83 years but the one dependable constant was the CRA. At about the same time the Dalton Community Chest merged with the Berkshire United Way, the DYC and the CRA merged as well, and all affiliation with the YMCA ended. The two boards of governors joined together, as did the two boards that governed the trust funds.

Miss Marjorie C. Geary was the first Director of the CRA; Ben S. Dillenback,

whose title was Associate Director and Community Physical Director, assisted her. The CRA initially provided fewer than 20 programs for the community, the largest of which was swimming. The activities included knitting, dressmaking, millinery, drama, dance class, and pocket billiards.

Over the years the CRA has grown—we now offer over 70 programs to members of the community. With programs for all ages, from kindergym and pre-school swimming for infants to osteo exercise classes for seniors, there is always something happening at the CRA.

We work closely with the schools to coordinate after-school programs at Craneville School and at the DYC. We provide tutors to help students with their homework and camps for children year round including programs during school vacations and snow days.

How do we do this? We start with a core staff of six full-time employees and supplement them with part-time desk staff and program personnel. But the most important asset we have is our volunteer base helping us run the programs. Each year over 1200 volunteers provide hundreds of hours to help run our leagues. Without these people we could not operate—they are the glue that holds the CRA together.

Sport activities sponsored by the CRA include baseball, soccer, softball, football, basketball and swimming. In addition, we provide after-school programs at the DYC and CRA for many more youth. We also provide financial aide to eligible families.

Many people wonder why they have to pay for participation at the CRA. There is a misconception that because the CRA was provided a trust that these funds will pay for everything. The truth of the matter is that the trusts were set up to support the buildings and the grounds, with limited monies to be put into operations. In recent years monies that we would have liked to spend on upgrading the facilities have been diverted to operations to help keep the member fees down. We can no longer afford to do this.

Some also believe that we are an agency of the town of Dalton. In fact we are an independent not for profit 501(c)3 agency that receives money each year from Dalton to provide programs within the parks. These funds do not cover all of the expenses related to the programs we manage.

From its inception it was known that the CRA could only operate with financial support from its members. When it first opened in 1923 fees ranged from five cents for a weekly Children's Play Hour to two dollars for Women's Morning Gym and Business Men's Gym.

The CRA has to collect fees to pay for expenses each season we run a sports league. Even with support from the Berkshire United Way, plus monies provided to us by the town of Dalton to administer the Parks Programs, and funds generously given by the trustees and local businesses, member fees are necessary.

Each year countless hours go into organization and running the leagues, with hundreds of children participating in programs from pre kindergarten to high school each spring, summer, fall and winter. Both administration of the programs and maintenance of fields take time and money. In addition we have to pay costs associated with maintenance of our facilities, ever-increasing energy costs at the facilities, and program support within our organization.

In 2004 we requested that the towns in the Central Berkshire Regional School



District participate with the CRA to keep costs down for the residents of their respective towns. For years the town of Dalton has provided funds to the CRA to run these programs; last year the town of Hinsdale also allocated money for this purpose.

The support given to the CRA from the towns of Dalton and Hinsdale, the Berkshire United Way, the Benefit Association and our many fundraisers are critical to keeping the CRA functioning. In addition, the support we receive from the business community is crucial to our programs; without local businesses sponsoring teams we would not be able to run our leagues. The Community Recreation Association, Inc., is extremely grateful to the people and businesses of our area that support us. Without you we would not be the organization we are.

Generations of families in Dalton and the surrounding area grew up participating in programs provided by the CRA. Growing up in Dalton everyone knew about the Community House or, as it is known, "The Cow House." From going to the DYC and playing in youth sports, to going to the Community House, the CRA has been a major part of the quality of life in Dalton and we will be here for generations to come.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Thomas Burgner, Chairman**

The primary purpose of the Dalton Planning Board is to regulate the division and use of land within the town. The Planning Board is composed of five Dalton residents elected by the general public. An additional member is appointed by the Select Board to serve as an associate member. This person may take the place of an elected member in the event of a conflict of interest or other reason an elected member cannot fulfill his or her duties when the Planning Board is considering Special Permit applications. Monthly Planning Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and additional meetings are held as required by the workload. The current quality of life and the "look" of Dalton is a tribute to the hard work by the many people who have donated their time and talents by serving as members of the Planning Board throughout the past fifty-five years.

2005 was a busy year for the Planning Board. In addition to our 12 monthly meetings, a total of 11 other meetings, public hearings and meetings to address specific issues were conducted. The monthly meeting agendas typically include issues such as land division applications, providing information to the Board of Appeals regarding petitions for special permits and providing information to the public. Ongoing projects such as the Pine Crest Estates subdivision, the Silver Maple Farm Subdivision, and the Berkshire Concrete Corporation operation off High Street were also agenda items at several meetings. The Planning Board has also been working to develop Zoning Bylaw changes that will further protect the curb appeal of properties in Dalton and help preserve the "small town" aspects of Dalton. The board is hopeful that these changes will be presented at a public hearing early next year and presented for approval by the residents later in the year. The Planning Board has also been working with other town officials and boards to improve our business and commercial tax base while preserving the

residential character of Dalton.

Congratulations to Stuart Sargent and Karen Quinn on their election to the board this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Dalton Planning Board for their time and hard work in 2005. Without their help, and the help of many other volunteers serving on numerous other committees and boards in the town of Dalton, our community would not be the special place that it is today.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**John W. Bartels, Jr.,** Chief of Police

The year 2005 has been one of many changes and rebuilding. After a lengthy four month search process, the Police Chief Search Committee—comprised of William Chabot, Dalton Select Board Chair; Kenneth Walto, Dalton Town Manager; Thomas Callahan, Jr., Principal of Wahconah Regional High School; Barbara Green, Human Resource Division of General Dynamics; and Daniel Casey, retired Dalton Police Officer—made its recommendation to the Dalton Select Board. As a result, in February I was appointed Chief of Police. I know the committee members donated many hours of their time to complete this difficult task. I want to commend them for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Dalton.

My appointment was only the first of many changes in our department. Officer Christopher Furlong graduated with the 38th Municipal Police Officer Class at the Agawam Police Academy in March and immediately began his duties as a full-time officer. However, he was called to active military duty in July and now serves our country in Iraq. We hear from him on a regular basis and take comfort in the fact he is doing well. He is greatly missed and we look forward to his return by the end of the year. While Officer Furlong temporarily left our ranks, in April Officer James Scace returned from active military duty in Iraq. In June he was promoted from reserve officer to full-time officer. At this same time we said goodbye to Officer Dale Gero who left our ranks to explore a career with the Massachusetts State Police. Although he is no longer a member of our department we look forward to working with him as he is now stationed at the Cheshire barracks. By the time September arrived Officer Jonathan Bishop had been promoted from reserve officer to temporary full-time officer and then to permanent full-time officer. With Officer Bishop's promotion we found ourselves lacking a proper contingent of reserve officers. Thankfully, we were able to appoint three to this position: Geoffrey Powell, James Losaw, and David Monyahan. All are a welcome addition to our ranks and we look forward to working with them.

In addition to the appointments of police officers this year, I would like to welcome to our department several other individuals. Our police matrons are Melissa Phelps-Utter, Nancy Daniels, and Rebecca Whitaker; our new school crossing guards are Karen Barile and Jacqueline Gilardi. All serve a vital function to the efficient operation of our department and we look forward to working with them for many years.

Training has always been of paramount importance to the Dalton Police Department. This year we initiated a formal Field Training Program for newly



hired officers. Officer Jeffrey Coe, primary Field Training Officer (FTO), authored a program which we later implemented. Officer John Thibodeau is also an FTO and assists with the training. The program thoroughly trains and evaluates new officers in their various responsibilities as a police officer in our department. Sgt. Lawrence Higgins is our third FTO and directly supervises all activities. Our department-specific subject matter (e.g., firearms, baton, highway safety) trainers are an integral part of this program. Our trainers are Officers Richard Nicholas, Jr., Kevin Miller, Ryan Lamb and me.

The Dalton Police Department continues to work with the community through a variety of programs such as Triad, Dare, Dalton Police Explorer Post #240, School Resource Officer Program, Dalton Police Bike Patrol, and the Dalton Police Volunteers. With the help of various citizens involved in these programs, our officers are more able to prevent and control crime and thus provide a safer community for our residents. All of our officers take part in each of the above programs; however, each program has certain officers who are in charge. They are as follows:

**Triad**—Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. John Thibodeau

**Dare**—Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. Deanna Strout

**Dalton Police Explorer Post # 240**—Ptl. John Thibodeau and Ptl. Jonathan Bishop

**School Resource Officer Program**— Ptl. George Adams III (NRMS) and Ptl. John Marley (WRHS)

**Dalton Police Bike Patrol**—Ptl. John Thibodeau, Ptl. John Marley, Ptl. Deanna Strout and Ptl. James Scace

**Dalton Police Volunteers** —Sgt. Lawrence Higgins and Ptl. John Thibodeau

This year our department applied for and received grant funding which assisted us in running the programs previously mentioned. In November we received approval from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to expend up to \$8,400 for the purposes of additional cruiser patrols and purchasing equipment. In December we received \$45,600 from the Executive Office of Public Safety, Community Policing Funding, in order to support various programs in our community. These programs include the Dalton C.R.A., Dalton Police Explorers, Triad, Dalton Community Cable, the Dalton Cultural Association, and the Berkshire County Drug Task Force. Also in December, we received \$2,200 worth of digital video recording equipment from the Berkshire County District Attorney's Office (David Capeless, District Attorney). This will greatly enhance our ability to comply with recent changes in the law with regard to recording and documenting statements of victims and offenders. Lastly, we were approved to receive \$1,360 from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Commonwealth of Mass. in order to purchase two bulletproof vests for our newly hired officers.

For the past three years the members of the Dalton Police Association have awarded an officer with the distinguished honor of being "Dalton Police Association's Officer of the Year." This is a peer recognition award for actions above and beyond the call of duty during the preceding year. This year's recipient was Officer John Marley. John was recognized not only for his proactive approach to policing in general, but also for his tireless work as School Resource Officer at Wahconah Regional High School. He is highly regarded in our ranks as one of our leaders. Congratulations, John, on a job well done. I would also like

to mention that the 2004 “Officer of the Year” recipient was Officer Jeffrey Coe.

I commend all the men and women officers of the Dalton Police Department for their hard work and dedication throughout this last year. I am very proud of the work each of them has done. A special thanks to my administrative assistant, Rebecca Whitaker, for her help, dedication, and hard work. Everyone has made my freshman year as Chief relatively easy and very memorable.

**Dalton Police Department 2005 Statistics**

Business and Non 911 Calls:	6,444
Intrusion Alarm Calls:	269
911 Calls:	787
Motor Vehicle Stops:	1,747
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	152
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued:	780
Citation Fines Received (FY 05):	\$ 24,532
Firearm Permits Issued:	121
Firearm Permit Fees Received:	\$ 2,800
Fines Received (Junk Car, False Alarms, Youth Tobacco)	\$ 925

Please visit us on our website, [www.daltonpolice.org](http://www.daltonpolice.org), or email us at [infor@daltonpolice.org](mailto:infor@daltonpolice.org). Our webmaster is Officer Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.

**SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT**

**Peter B. Bacon**, Tree Warden

The Shade Tree Department has had another successful year. This department has been level-funded the last couple of years and has not been able to be as proactive as we would like but we are still moving forward. Dalton received another Mass. ReLeaf grant in the amount of \$2,600 for the planting of 13 trees at various locations along town streets. This is a matching grant and we have been able to purchase quality trees that have an immediate impact. The trees planted 7 years ago are really starting to grow and soon will enhance neighborhoods where surrounding trees are in decline.

I would like to thank the Highway Department, led by Superintendent Dave Laviolette, for its assistance in the removal of several large trees that the power company took down for the town. Mr. Laviolette and his crew have been extremely helpful during storms and emergencies. It was also a pleasure to work with now-retired Superintendent James “Cutter” Galliher. Cutter always went out of his way to help this department. I am always amazed how much work they get done with a small crew. I would also like to thank town hall employees Debby Merry and Dawn Fahey who make this department run smoothly. The Tree Warden position is part-time and Debby and Dawn are the vital link for residents wishing to contact this department.

A total of twenty-three hazardous trees were removed and over twenty were pruned. Several residents took advantage of splitting the cost of stump removal. If you have had a town tree cut down recently and would be willing to split the cost of removal please contact this department and I will explain how it works.

**POSTAGE REPORT**

**Jane A. Carman**

**Expenses**

Maintenance	\$ 587.00
Meter Reset	\$ 74.99
Meter Rental	\$ 1,135.00
Postage	\$ 11,698.93
Mail Permit	\$ 150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,645.92</b>

**Meter**

Balance July 1, 2004	\$ 946.36
Deposits	\$ 12,146.36
Total Postage Available	\$ 13,092.72
Postage Used FY 2005	\$ 12,777.15
Balance June 30, 2005	\$ 315.57

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**Margaret G. Plumer**, Chairperson

The Dalton Cultural Council’s mission is to promote access, excellence, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all residents. We are responsible for allocating funds received from the Massachusetts State Lottery for cultural projects proposed by organizations and individuals for the cultural benefit of the residents of Dalton. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis. The Massachusetts Cultural Council helps keep our local council informed and updated regarding this and other cultural programs that are available to the town.

In October of 2005 our cultural council received 30 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding:

- Kathleen Bailer–Language of Clay Library Project
- Berkshire Lyric Theatre, Inc.–Concerts and Educational Projects
- Dalton Free Public Library–Earth Rhythms: Song and Stories
- Hilltown Choral Society–Choral Music Performances
- Bernice Lewis–Sugar Hill Folk Festival
- Mass. Audubon Society–Housatonic River Watershed Project
- Nessacus Middle School–Boston Museum of Science
- Nessacus PTO–Cultural Enrichment Programs
- John Root–Wild Edible Plants
- Saint Agnes School–Children’s Museum at Holyoke
- Saint Agnes School PTA–Bamidele Dancers and Drummers
- Berkshire Talking Chronicle–Community Access Programming
- Voices Theatre Company–A Christmas Carol

Also this year, the Dalton Cultural Council hosted its first **Dalton Arts Festival** on August 7 at the Dalton Community House. The festival brought together local artists, musicians, dancers, and poets for an educational and entertaining

warm summer afternoon for all ages. Other participants included the Dalton Historical Commission and the Dalton Free Public Library. Guest of Honor was Ms. Celia Conuel, who was cited by the Massachusetts Legislature for her contributions to local area youth over many years through instruction in dance. A raffle, silent auction, and refreshment stand brought in additional funds which will be used by the council to support future projects. The council has begun plans for a second **Arts Festival** in 2006.

The current Dalton Cultural Council members are: Kathleen Desmarais, James Ethier, Michelle Furlong, Donald Harris, Marjorie Limburg, Monica Montferret, Deborah Parkington, and Margaret Plumer, Chairperson.

Thanks for your continued support of cultural programs in our community.

## **INSPECTOR OF WIRING**

**John M. Broderick**, Inspector

### **January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005**

Service Work	23
Additions	38
New Houses	25
Furnaces	37
Industrial/Commercial	6
Security Systems	30
Swimming Pools/HotTubs	7
<b>Total permits issued</b>	<b>166</b>

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

**Sandra J. Albano**, Accountant

I am pleased to submit the 29th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2005.

The following schedules are included in this report:

- Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet
- Schedule 1A: Special Revenue Funds
- Schedule 1B: Capital Projects Fund
- Schedule 1C: Trust and Agency Funds
- Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues–Budget to Actual
- Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
- Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
- Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

I would like to express a very special thanks to Victoria Sedgwick for her help in the Accountant's office. This year, new accounting software was installed and along with it have come many changes and challenges. We are still in the learning stages. Vicki's hard work enables this office to continue to maintain our day-to-day operations, all the while trying to learn the Windows-based Accounting System. Her determination and integrity are a valuable asset to the town.

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2005

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,112,528	110,982	1,004,509	1,865,822		6,093,841
Receivable						
Property Taxes	162,605					162,605
Excise Taxes	84,369					84,369
Tax Liens	139,083					139,083
Departmental	2,495	2,798				5,293
User Charges	16,806					16,806
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(116,618)					(116,618)
Tax Foreclosures	73,373					73,373
Due From Other Governments		490,901	71,800			562,701
Due From Other Agencies	25			729,250	729,250	25
Due From Other Funds					1,000,000	
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt						1,000,000
Total Assets:	3,474,666	604,681	1,076,309	2,595,072	1,000,000	8,750,728
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	111,553	2,514				114,067
Accrued Payroll	28,103	1,620		2,600		32,323
Accrued Employer Taxes	340					340
Employee Withholdings	17,648					17,648
Due to Other Governments						-
Due to Other Funds	729,250					729,250
Due to Other Agencies	1,966			3,744		5,710
Undistributed Receipts	380					380
Unclaimed Items	660					660
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	2,200					2,200

Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2005 continued

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (cont.)						
Deferred Revenue						45,987
Property Taxes	45,987					139,083
Tax Liens	139,083					73,373
Tax Foreclosure	73,373					669,169
Other	103,670	493,699	71,800			292,511
BANS Payable			292,511			1,000,000
Bond Indebtedness					1,000,000	
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>1,254,213</b>	<b>497,833</b>	<b>364,311</b>	<b>6,344</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>3,122,701</b>
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	111,323	11,135	17,769	-	-	140,227
Reserved for Expenses	50,000	-	-	40,147	-	90,147
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	-	125,100
Undesignated	2,059,130	95,713	694,229	2,423,481	-	5,272,553
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>2,220,453</b>	<b>106,848</b>	<b>711,998</b>	<b>2,588,728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,628,027</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity:</b>	<b>3,474,666</b>	<b>604,681</b>	<b>1,076,309</b>	<b>2,595,072</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>8,750,728</b>

**Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds**  
**Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	Balance 7/1/04	Revenues	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/05
Animal Kennel Donations	55	-	-	-	-	-	55
Beautification Comm. Donations	1,340	-	-	-	280	-	1,060
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	76,157	-	-	76,157	-	-
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
COA Formula Grant	3,024	7,754	-	-	7,426	-	3,352
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	2,577	3,514	-	-	5,294	-	797
COA Hilltown Outreach	570	1,800	-	-	2,126	-	244
COA Incentive Grant FY99	251	-	-	-	-	-	251
COA Transportation Fund	12,344	14,161	-	-	18,070	-	8,435
Comm. Develop. Block Grant	-	36,174	-	-	36,174	-	-
Community Policing FY04	15,853	-	-	-	15,453	-	400
Comm. Policing Grant FY2005	-	45,600	-	-	22,772	-	22,828
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Composting Bin Grant	474	20	-	-	-	-	494
Conservation Commission	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
COPS in School Federal Grant	(19,752)	73,573	-	-	75,614	-	(21,793)*
Cultural Council	3,305	2,047	-	-	4,155	-	1,197
Dalton Papers	3,165	-	-	-	-	-	3,165
DARE Program Receipts	-	605	-	-	50	-	555
Dog License Revolving	3,000	11,379	-	-	666	10,713	3,000
Electric Inspections Revolving	1,525	5,930	-	-	5,610	-	1,845
Extended Polling Hours	-	786	-	-	-	786	-
Gov's Hghwy Sfty Bureau Grants	-	1,469	-	-	2,191	-	(722)†
Grave Digging OT Revolving	3,173	1,700	-	-	1,242	-	3,631
Highway Chapter Funds	-	91,339	-	-	91,339	-	-
Historical Commission	4,534	874	-	-	2,315	-	3,093
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	-	5,061	-	-	4,846	-	215
Legal Advertising Revolving	1,452	3,601	-	-	3,142	-	1,911
Library Donations	6,437	1,765	-	-	1,913	-	6,289
Library Incentive Grant	14,388	11,178	-	-	7,193	-	18,373
MA Releaff Grant	(1,530)	1,529	-	1	2,600	-	(2,600)°
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	2,522	30,174	-	-	27,544	-	5,152
Municipal Recyc. Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Parks Maintenance Revolving	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Planning Board Deposits- BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Planning Board Deposits- Pine Crest	1,421	1,000	-	-	2,071	-	350
Planning Board Deposits- Silver Maple	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	20	13,690	-	-	13,710	-	-
Police Dept. Local Gifts	2,002	647	-	-	684	-	1,965
Police Outside Detail	1,712	36,765	-	-	31,275	-	7,202
Police Vest Grant	(1,001)	1,001	-	-	-	-	-
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Skateboard Park Donations	0	684	-	-	-	-	684
Small Cities Grant Recapture	8,671	-	-	-	-	-	8,671
Universal COPS Grant	1,319	-	-	-	1,319	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>99,600</b>	<b>481,977</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>463,231</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>106,848</b>

\*Receipt of \$21,793 received from Federal Government on August 19, 2005

†Receipt of \$744 received from State on August 10, 2005

°Receipt of \$2600 received from State on August 03, 2005



**Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund  
Fund Equity for The Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	Balance 7/1/04	Revenues	* Transfers In	Expenses	† Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/05	Grant Revenues Anticipated	Temporary Borrowing Issued	Projects Authorized Not Complete
Capital Projects--Dprtml. Library/Senior Ctr. Design	(222,606)	-	49,690	91,120	-	(264,036)	-	292,511	553,321
COA Senior Center	-	-	-	68,600	-	(68,600)	-	-	631,400
Curtis/John Street Project	800,000	-	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	800,000
Landfill Closure	12,737	-	-	-	12,737	-	-	-	-
South Street Project	151,060	-	-	2,548	-	148,512	-	-	148,512
Housatonic Street Project	89,214	-	12,737	5,329	-	96,622	-	-	119,122
	(29,100)	58,200	-	29,600	-	(500)	500	-	71,300
	<b>801,305</b>	<b>58,200</b>	<b>62,427</b>	<b>197,197</b>	<b>12,737</b>	<b>711,998</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>292,511</b>	<b>2,323,655</b>

\*Capital Projects Departmental--Bond Anticipation Note Principal Retirement July 16, 2005

\*South Street Project--Completed Project Balance Transferred to Uncompleted Project Vote STM 6/21/99

†Curtis/John Project--Completed Project Balance Transferred to Uncompleted Project Vote STM 6/21/99

Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds  
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2005

FUND EQUITY	Balance 7/1/04	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/05
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:							
Principal-Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal-Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal-School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	<b>125,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,100</b>
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS:							
Cemetery	49,943	2,823	-	-	4,491	-	48,275
Library	132,300	6,030	-	-	412	-	137,918
School	58,409	2,743	-	-	-	-	61,152
Local Law Enforcement	437	8	-	-	222	-	223
	<b>241,089</b>	<b>11,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>247,568</b>
STABILIZATION FUNDS:							
General Stabilization	1,040,320	9,551	404,250	-	-	740,316	713,805
Capital Stabilization	1,033,533	18,945	315,000	-	-	143,433	1,224,045
Litigation Stabilization	200,707	4,088	10,000	-	-	4,000	210,795
	<b>2,274,560</b>	<b>32,584</b>	<b>729,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>887,749</b>	<b>2,148,645</b>
Pension Reserve Fund	95,141	2,274	-	10,000	-	40,000	67,415
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>2,735,890</b>	<b>46,462</b>	<b>729,250</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>927,749</b>	<b>2,588,728</b>

Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds (continued)  
Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2005

LIABILITIES	Balance 7/1/04	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/05
AGENCY FUNDS:							
Dalton Fire District	606	228,923	-	-	229,529	-	-
Deputy Collector Fees	-	13,837	-	-	10,323	-	3,514
Parking Clerk Fees	-	140	-	-	140	-	-
Town Clerk Fees	-	7,615	-	-	7,615	-	-
Town Collector Fees	1,430	15,225	-	-	14,050	-	2,605
State Share of	-	9,163	-	-	8,938	-	225
Gun Permit Receipts							
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>274,903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,344</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:</b>	<b>2,737,926</b>	<b>321,365</b>	<b>729,250</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>275,720</b>	<b>927,749</b>	<b>2,595,072</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

	FY05 Estimated	FY05 Actual	Variance FY05 Budget to FY05 Actual
<b>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</b>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		1,970	
Sewer User Fees FY04, #4246-04		3,683	
Sewer User Fees FY04, #4246-05		486,436	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		12,835	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		2,000	
Pinegrove PILOT in Place of Sewer, #4181		1,963	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		38,846	
	<b>\$ 479,743</b>	<b>\$ 547,733</b>	<b>\$ 67,990</b>

**ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:****Motor Vehicle Excise, #4150**

2001 & Prior		523	
2002		1332	
2003		12,981	
2004		189,174	
2005		597,666	
	<b>\$ 600,000</b>	<b>\$ 801,676</b>	<b>\$ 201,676</b>

**Other Excise**

Farm Animal Excise #4162		123	
Classified Forest Land #4163		0	
Forest Products Tax		224	
	<b>\$ 275</b>	<b>\$ 347</b>	<b>\$ 72</b>

**Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise:**

Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		17,188	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		33,451	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		0	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		8,215	
	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 58,854</b>	<b>\$ 43,854</b>

**Payment in Lieu of Taxes**

Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,608	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		1,148	
	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,756</b>	<b>\$ 1,756</b>

**Other Charges for Services**

Board of Appeals #4373		1,015	
Planning Board #4374		5,560	
Zoning #4375		210	
Sealer of Wgths/Measures #4466		700	
	<b>\$ 1,200</b>	<b>\$ 7,485</b>	<b>\$ 6,285</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual** (continued)

	FY05 Estimated	FY05 Actual	Variance FY05 Budget to FY05 Actual
<b>Fees</b>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		4,660	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		5,725	
Bad Check Fees #4330		145	
Alarm Fees #4331		1,530	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		550	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		0	
LIHEAPA Application Fee #4381		0	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		393	
Communication Center Fees #4810		20,497	
Fees-Pole Hearings #4376		0	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		550	
	<b>\$ 21,625</b>	<b>\$ 34,050</b>	<b>\$ 12,425</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue—</b>			
<b>Schools #4370</b>	<b>\$ 52,864</b>	<b>\$ 52,864</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue—</b>			
<b>Cemeteries #4378</b>	<b>\$ 23,500</b>	<b>\$ 35,049</b>	<b>\$ 11,549</b>
<b>Other Departmental Revenue</b>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		80	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		145	
Assessors Maps #4383		771	
Assessors' Infor Requests/auth #4384		950	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimb. #4811		15,000	
Photocopies #4391		151	
Town Maps #4393		33	
Recycled Goods #4329		1,872	
School Census #4841		0	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		0	
Bicentennial Sales #4394		55	
Police Reports #4397		646	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		1,967	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		360	
	<b>\$ 12,800</b>	<b>\$ 22,030</b>	<b>\$ 9,230</b>
<b>Licenses &amp; Permits</b>			
All Alcohol Licenses #4411		5,200	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		450	
All Other Alcohol Licenses #4414		1,500	
Raffle Permits #4455		120	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,191	
Building Permits #4460		57,515	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		4,738	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		3,063	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		2,775	
Conservation Commission #4389		95	
	<b>\$ 34,920</b>	<b>\$ 76,647</b>	<b>\$ 41,727</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual** (continued)

	FY05 Estimated	FY05 Actual	Variance FY05 Budget to FY05 Actual
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		13,490	
District Court Restitution #4698		11,042	
Parking Fines #4771		1,355	
Library Fines #4772		4,101	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		2,634	
Police Fines #4774		200	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		89	
	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>\$ 32,911</b>	<b>\$ 5,911</b>

**Investment Income**

Earnings on Investment #4820		65,463	
	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 65,463</b>	<b>\$ 30,463</b>

**Miscellaneous Recurring**

Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		2,581	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		317	
	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 2,898</b>	<b>\$ 2,898</b>

**Miscellaneous Non-Recurring**

Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		18,516	
Workers' Comp. Refund #4843		16,071	
Sales of Surplus Inventory #4815		0	
	<b>15,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,587</b>	<b>\$ 19,587</b>

**TOTAL ESTIMATED**

<b>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$ 843,184</b>	<b>\$1,230,617</b>	<b>\$ 387,433</b>
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**CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)**

Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse #4617	5,275	4,750	(525)
Elderly Persons #4616	15,562	15,562	0
State Owned Land #4611	11,259	11,247	(12)
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	141,724	141,724	0
Regional Transportation #4637	0	0	0
Police Career Incentive #4661	42,767	40,123	(2,644)
Veterans Benefits #4667	4,025	2,138	(1,887)
Lottery, Beano, Charity #4671	848,429	848,429	0
Additional State Aid #4670	0	105,928	105,928
Highway Fund #4672	0	0	0
	<b>\$1,069,041</b>	<b>\$1,169,901</b>	<b>\$ 100,860</b>

<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,391,968</b>	<b>\$2,948,251</b>	<b>\$ 556,283</b>
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**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations,  
Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Dept. Number	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY04 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
114	Moderator	419	300	0	119	0	0	119
122	Select Board	22,207	16,245	2,634	3,328	0	0	3,328
123	Town Manager	117,984	101,986	13,808	2,190	800	0	1,390
131	Finance Committee	155	0	155	0	0	0	0
132	Reserve Fund (Less Departmental Transfers)	9,443	0	0	9,443	0	0	9,443
133	Prior Year Bills	3,649	0	3,649	0	0	0	0
135	Accountant	44,313	33,541	5,389	5,383	0	0	5,383
138	Group Purchasing	400	0	400	0	0	0	0
139	Town Audit	11,000	0	11,000	0	0	0	0
141	Assessors	87,801	66,201	11,416	10,184	400	0	9,784
142	Triennial Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
143	Town Re-Mapping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
145	Treasurer	49,084	31,814	10,549	6,721	0	0	6,721
146	Town Collector	53,983	47,674	5,997	312	0	0	312
149	Fixed Asset Inventory	4,250	0	0	4,250	0	4,250	0
151	Town Counsel	35,600	0	33,605	1,995	0	0	1,995
152	Telephone	19,960	0	18,635	1,325	715	0	610
154	Recording Secretary	3,040	2,986	0	54	0	0	54
155	Floating Clerical	38,513	38,335	0	178	0	0	178
157	Computer	7,650	0	6,892	758	0	0	758
158	Postage Meter	13,800	0	13,646	154	0	0	154
161	Town Clerk	58,622	55,643	1,770	1,209	0	0	1,209
162	Elections	9,476	5,198	3,136	1,142	0	0	1,142
163	Board of Registrars	5,391	1,774	1,859	1,758	0	0	1,758



**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, (continued)**

Dept. Number	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY04 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
171	Conservation	2,075	0	825	1,250	0	0	1,250
175	Planning Board	17,942	17,631	137	174	0	0	174
182	Development & Industrial Commission	400	0	391	9	0	0	9
191	Old Dalton High Maintenance	8,500	567	4,668	3,265	0	0	3,265
195	Town Report	6,650	0	5,609	1,041	0	0	1,041
196	Town Hall	91,805	34,104	53,318	4,383	0	0	4,383
197	Central Supplies	17,735	0	15,344	2,391	231	0	2,160
210	Police Department	794,970	718,728	61,806	14,436	0	0	14,436
222	Communications	151,475	146,724	1,534	3,217	0	0	3,217
240	Building Inspector	34,513	32,695	1,158	660	0	0	660
244	Weights and Measures	1,612	1,087	0	525	0	0	525
247	Meat & Cattle	994	881	0	113	0	0	113
292	Animal Control	18,941	13,448	2,699	2,794	0	0	2,794
293	Traffic Commission	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
294	Forest Warden	3,176	1,819	367	990	0	0	990
295	Emergency Management	3,600	1,897	0	1,703	0	0	1,703
296	Tree Warden	17,997	1,713	16,173	111	0	0	111
310	CBRSD	6,070,089	0	5,950,540	119,549	0	0	119,549
320	Vocational Education	265,735	0	181,417	84,318	0	0	84,318
401	Town Engineer	9,300	0	5,180	4,120	0	0	4,120
420	Highway	406,140	276,167	85,164	44,809	0	0	44,809
423	Snow and Ice	136,062	26,463	109,598	1	0	0	1
424	Street Lights	66,000	0	65,597	403	0	0	403
433	Landfill Closure	13,800	0	11,373	2,427	0	0	2,427
434	Transfer Station	34,890	1,408	28,384	5,098	0	0	5,098

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations (continued)**

Dept. Number	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY04 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
440	Sewer	20,250	11,241	4,599	4,410	0	0	4,410
449	Sewer Treatment	450,226	0	435,265	14,961	0	0	14,961
491	Cemetery	87,910	69,479	15,534	2,897	0	0	2,897
510	Health Agent/Board	20,917	18,970	845	1,102	0	0	1,102
522	Visiting Nurse Association	10,071	0	10,071	0	0	0	0
523	Berkshire Mental Health	1,800	0	1,800	0	0	0	0
541	Council on Aging	79,078	73,586	3,198	2,294	0	0	2,294
543	Veterans Services	15,924	5,574	3,184	7,166	0	0	7,166
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	3,971	0	3,970	1	0	0	1
610	Library	147,859	107,983	39,740	136	0	0	136
630	CRA - Parks Programs	54,600	0	54,600	0	0	0	0
650	Parks Maintenance	37,073	23,201	11,264	2,608	292	0	2,316
691	Historical Commission	517	0	257	260	0	0	260
692	Memorial Day	1,970	0	1,470	500	0	0	500
693	Cultural Activities	1,530	0	1,530	0	0	0	0
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	310,493	0	257,719	52,774	0	49,690	3,084
820	State Assessments	40,019	0	36,129	3,890	0	0	3,890
911	Retirement	364,812	0	310,844	53,968	0	0	53,968
913	Unemployment Insurance	9,000	0	0	9,000	0	0	9,000
914	Health Insurance	548,926	0	487,262	61,664	0	0	61,664
915	Life Insurance	8,472	0	7,866	606	0	0	606
916	Town Share-Medicare	22,000	0	20,225	1,775	0	0	1,775
919	Fringe Benefits	22,280	13,578	940	7,762	0	0	7,762
930	FY97 Vote - Capital Projects	1,861	0	0	1,861	1,861	0	0

Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, (continued)

Dept. Number	Department Title	Total Final Budget Including FY04 Carry Forwards	Salary Expended	Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY06	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
932	FY00 Vote-Capital Projects	6,873	0	0	6,873	6,873	0	0
932	FY01 Vote-Capital Projects	9,636	0	9,636	0	0	0	0
932	FY03 Vote-Capital Projects	89,741	0	29,155	60,586	60,586	0	0
932	FY04 Vote-Capital Projects	55,000	0	18,960	36,040	36,040	0	0
932	FY05 Vote-Capital Projects	35,800	0	32,275	3,525	3,525	0	0
941	Court Judgments & Claims	14,322	0	10,957	3,365	0	0	3,365
945	Town Insurance Coverage	131,297	0	120,639	10,658	0	0	10,658
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	229	0	0	229	0	0	229
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>11,385,599</b>	<b>2,000,641</b>	<b>8,675,756</b>	<b>709,202</b>	<b>111,323</b>	<b>63,940</b>	<b>533,939</b>

Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness for the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Description	Interest Rate	Month/ Year Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Due	Outstanding
<b>Outside Debt Limit:</b>					
Landfill Closure	5.27%	12/15/1996	1/15/2012	\$1,500,000	\$700,000
<b>Inside Debt Limit:</b>					
Capital Projects Bonded	3.05%	5/01/2003	5/01/2008	\$502,053	\$300,000
<b>Bond Anticipation Notes:</b>					
Capital Projects BAN	3.14%	6/16/2005	6/16/2006	\$292,511	\$292,511
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$1,292,511</b>
Authorized and Unissued Debt	Date	Amount	Retired	Bond Issued	Unissued
Road Projects	6/21/1999	750,000	225,000	275,000	250,000
Capital Projects					
Departmental FY03	6/24/2002	324,000	0	227,053	86,947
Capital Projects					
Departmental FY04	6/30/2003	364,000	49,690	0	132,393
Capital Projects					
Departmental FY04	3/22/2004	700,000	0	0	700,000
Capital Projects					
Departmental FY05	6/28/2004	128,200	0	0	31,600
Capital Projects					
Departmental FY05	9/27/2004	10,400	0	0	6,406
Capital Projects					
Departmental FY06	6/27/2005	267,500	0	0	267,500
<b>Total Authorized and Unissued Debt</b>		<b>2,544,100</b>	<b>274,690</b>	<b>502,053</b>	<b>1,474,846</b>

**Schedule 5: Analysis of  
General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004**

Balance, 7/1/04		\$1,702,789
Adjustments:		
FY00 Completed Capital Projects		
Back to Stabilization	(4,250)	
Prior Year Audit Adjustments	(1,547)	
		<hr/> (5,797)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(111,323)	
Reserve for Expenses	(50,000)	
Reserve for Extraordinary and Unforeseen– Current Year	(65,075)	
		<hr/> (226,398)
Close:		
Unappropriated Reserve for Extraordinary and Unforeseen	65,075	
Dog Licenses (Special Revenue)	10,713	
Extended Polling Grant ( Unused	786	
Other Financing Sources	927,749	
Other Financing Uses	(784,690)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	180,377	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	50,000	
Expenditures	(10,676,397)	
Revenues	10,814,923	
		<hr/> 588,536
<b>Ending Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<hr/> <b>\$2,059,130</b> <hr/>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Sharon M. Messenger**, Treasurer

I am pleased to submit my report for Fiscal Year 2005. We have had another successful year with our tax title collections and will continue to pursue delinquent collections. We now have three foreclosure properties and we have several in the process.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to my Assistant Treasurer Victoria Sedgwick for her hard work throughout the year; she is a true asset to this office.

### Fiscal 2005

#### GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes 2005	188,323.28	
Personal Property Taxes Prior Years	858.13	
Real Estate Taxes 2005	7,499,533.16	
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	58,045.99	
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2005	597,665.78	
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2004	189,173.62	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Prior Years	14,836.98	
Farm Animal 2005	122.50	
Forest Products/61 Withdrawal	224.00	
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	17,188.24	
		<b>\$8,565,971.68</b>

#### TAX LIENS RECEIVABLES

Tax Liens	119,911.67	
Interest and Penalties	33,450.50	
		<b>\$153,362.17</b>

#### STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)

Additional Assistance	105,928.00	
State Owned Land	11,247.00	
Veterans Benefits	2,138.00	
Abatements, Blind, Surv. Sp, Veterans	4,750.00	
Elderly Persons	15,562.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity	848,429.00	
Police Career Incentive	40,123.63	
School Aid (Chapter 70)	141,724.00	
		<b>\$1,169,901.63</b>

#### STATE COMM. OF MA. RECEIPTS

MA Releaf Grant	1,529.00
Elections Extended Pol. Hours	786.00
Arts Cultural Council Grant	2,000.00
Community Policing Grants	45,600.00
Council on Aging Formula Grant	7,754.00
Traffic Enforcement Grant	1,469.10
Grant Revenue Housatonic St.	58,200.00
Library Incentive Grant	11,177.49

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Police Vest Grant	1,001.02
Motor Vehicle Fines	13,490.00
Highway Reconstruction	91,339.47
Miscellaneous State Revenue	11,117.13

**\$245,463.21**

### **FEDERAL REVENUE**

Community Development Block Grant	36,174.29
In Lieu of Taxes	1,148.00
Misc. Federal Revenue	18,516.22
Cops in Schools	73,573.78

**\$129,412.29**

### **OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE**

Communications Center Services	20,497.43
Berkshire District Court Restitution	1,1042.00
Hinsdale Sewer Services	38,846.00
Council on Aging Hilltown Outreach	1,800.00

**\$72,185.43**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT- CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEEES**

Cops in Schools CBRSD Share	52,864.26
Youth Tobacco Fines	89.00
Registry of Motor Vehicle Charges	4,660.00
Trailer Park Fees	4,608.00
Sewer Late Fees	1,970.00
Sewer User Fee 2005	486,436.29
Sewer User Fees Prior years	3,682.50
Sewer Liens 2005	12,339.31
Sewer Liens Prior years	495.15
Municipal Lien Fees	5,725.00
Bad Check Fees	145.00
Alarm Monitoring Fees	1,530.00
Sale of Street Lists	80.00
Highway Excavation Fees	550.00
Cemetery Charges	35,049.00
Assessors Maps	770.87
Police Reports	646.00
Police Outside Detail Administration Fee	1,966.50
Cable T.V. Franchise Fee	1,191.00
Sewer Hook-up Charges	2,000.00
Library Fines	4,100.46
Unlicensed Dog Fines	2,634.40
Police Fines	200.25
Recycled Goods	1,871.46
Parking Fines	1,355.00
Duplicate Bill Charges	392.50



Assessors Info. Request/Author.	950.00
Default Warrant Removal Fee	550.00

**\$628,851.95**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT- LICENSES/PERMITS**

Interest and Penalties Other	8,215.42
Pilot Sewer Pine Grove Manor	1,963.35
Planning Board	5,560.30
Zoning Board /Zoning By-Laws	210.00
Conservation Commission	95.00
Alcohol Licenses	5,200.00
Beer and Wine Licenses	450.00
All other Alcohol Licenses	1,500.00
Raffle Permits	120.00
Building Permits	57,515.29
Health Agent	4,737.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures	700.00
Police Pistol Permits	3,062.50
Board of Appeals Postage	1,014.99
All other Licenses and Permits	2,775.00

**\$93,119.35**

### **MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Skateboard Park Donations	684.00
Council on Aging-Van Receipts	14,160.60
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	3,514.40
Photo Copies	122.00
Town Clerk Other	144.62
Town Maps	33.00
Bicentennial Sales	55.00
Grave Digging Overtime	1,700.00
Library Copier	29.00
Misc. Training Reimbursement	413.00
Police Donations	647.00
Pinecrest Development	1,000.00
Library Donations	1,764.95
Town Collector Misc.	360.00
Compost Bin	20.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,168.34
Historical Donations	874.00
Insurance Claims under \$10,000.00	5,061.13
Miscellaneous Gifts	19,374.50

**\$52,125.54**

### **AGENCIES**

Workers Compensation Refund	16,071.43
Warner Cable T.V. Franchise	76,157.46
Dare Program Receipts/Donations	605.00
Dog Licenses	11,379.04

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Legal Advertising	3,600.66	
Plumbing Inspections	13,690.00	
Electrical Inspections	5,930.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	12,747.00	
Police Outside Details	36,765.00	
Parking Fees	140.00	
Fees retained by Town Collector	15,225.00	
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	7,615.19	
		<b>\$199,925.78</b>

#### **EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS**

General Funds	65,463.24	
Trust Funds (all)	11,596.38	
Local Law Enforc.	8.32	
Capital Stabilization Int.	18,944.97	
Litigation Stabilization Int.	4,088.42	
Stabilization Funds	9,551.24	
Pension Reserve Funds	2,273.43	
Arts Cultural Council	47.24	
		<b>\$111,973.24</b>

**TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS 2005** **\$11,422,292.27**

#### **TRUST FUNDS**

##### **ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Balance June 30, 2004	1,578.63	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant	2,000.00	
Warrants FY 2005	(2,945.00)	
Interest Earned Fy 2005	29.30	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$662.93</b>

##### **ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

##### **MATCHING FUNDS**

Balance June 30, 2004	1,726.68	
Warrants FY 2005	(1,210.00)	
Interest Earned FY 05	17.94	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$534.62</b>

##### **PENSION TRUST FUNDS**

Balance June 30, 2004	95,141.06	
Town Meeting Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00	
Town Meeting Approval		
Transfer to General Fund	(40,000.00)	
Interest Earned FY 05	2,273.43	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$67,414.49</b>

**GENERAL FUND****STABILIZATION TRUST**

Balance June 30, 2004	1,003,319.52	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	37,000.00	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	(740,316.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2005	9,551.24	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$309,554.76</b>

**CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION TRUST**

Balance June 30, 2004	1,003,533.15	
Transfers In Special Town Meeting	1,000.00	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	(114,433.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2005	18,944.97	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$909,045.12</b>

**LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION TRUST**

Balance June 30, 2004	200,706.58	
Transfers Out Special Town Meeting	(4,000.00)	
Interest Earned FY 2005	4,088.42	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$200,795.00</b>

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	60,000.00	
Receipts	500.00	
Expendable Funds	54,945.00	
		<b>\$115,445.00</b>

INTEREST Balance June 30, 2004	77,446.47	
Interest Income FY 05	6,029.52	
Transfers Out	(1,003.20)	
		<b>\$82,472.79</b>
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$197,917.79</b>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	2,955.00	
		<b>\$38,055.00</b>

Interest Balance June 30, 2004	46,988.19	
Warrants FY 05	(4,491.28)	
Interest Income FY 05	2,823.18	
		<b>\$45,320.09</b>
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$83,375.09</b>

**SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS**

Non-Expendable Funds	30,000.00	
		<b>\$30,000.00</b>
Interest Balance June 30, 2004	58,408.52	
Interest Income FY 05	2,743.68	
		<b>\$61,152.20</b>
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>91,152.20</b>

**LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Balance June 30, 2004	437.40	
Interest	8.32	
Warrants	(179.68)	
<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>		<b>266.04</b>

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY2005

Type of Issue	Date Issued	Original Amount	Principal Paid	Date Due	Interest Paid	Remaining Principal
15 yr. Landfill Closure	12/15/1996	\$1,500,000	\$700,000 100,000	7/15/2004 1/15/2005	\$20,325 20,325	\$800,000 700,000 <b>\$700,000</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2005</b>						
Capital Projects	7/1/2004	\$180,000	(45,000)	5/01/2005	2,745	\$135,000
FY 03	5/1/2004	220,000	(55,000)	5/01/2005	3,355	\$165,000
Highway Projects						<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2005</b>						
TEMPORARY BORROWING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES						
BAN	6/16/2004	\$241,607	\$(49,690)	6/16/2005	\$4,368.96	\$191,917
BAN	6/07/2005	100,594	0	6/07/2005	0	100,594
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2005</b>						<b>\$292,511</b>
<b>OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2005</b>						<b>\$1,292,511</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

**Barbara L. Suriner**, Town Clerk

As the local arm of the Secretary of State's Office, the Town Clerk serves you as the chief election official, supervising polling places, election officers and the general conduct of all elections. The Clerk directs the preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, the certification of nomination papers and initiative petitions; administers campaign finance laws, voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State; and serves on and supervises the Board of Registrars. In addition to serving as the liaison for the Federal Census and responsible for any required redistricting; our office conducts the Annual Town Census; preparing and printing in-house, all Street Lists, Voter Lists, School Lists, and furnishes the Jury List to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

The Town Clerk is also responsible for recording and certifying all official actions of the Town, including Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, keeps the Town Seal, and submits all General and Zoning Bylaws to the Attorney General for approval.

In addition to the above, we recorded State Tax Liens and processed many legal claims as well as preparing search requests for same. We will continue to perform UCC searches and terminations until there are no longer any active statements on file. We issued 75 Cemetery Department burial permits; 25 business certificates; 1 professional registration; 1,169 dog licenses; 177 fish and game licenses; 12 permits for raffles and bazaars; along with other various state licenses and permits. Chapter 40, Section 21D requires the Town Clerk to collect District Court fines for noncriminal disposition, not limited to but including Animal Control, Junk Car, False Alarm, Snow and Ice Removal, Alcoholic Beverages, Town Parks Playground, Failure to Pay Municipal Charges & Bills, Zoning, Noise Control, Smoking, Hawkers and Peddlers, Uniform Numbering System of Dwellings Bylaws and Board of Health Youth Possession Regulation violations. Under the Animal Control Bylaw adopted December 1993, dog licenses are due January 1 of each year, with a \$10 late fee effective April 1, and a \$25 per dog failure to license fine after June 15. In 2005, owners paid fines for 85 unlicensed dogs, 30 unrestrained dogs, 40 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Several cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the cost of preparing these court cases.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents, we recorded and preserved 52 birth, 89 death and 30 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system. In addition, we processed 31 Intentions of Marriage, issuing marriage licenses for same; and issued 647 certified copies of births, deaths and marriages in 2005, as well as notarizing or certifying a multitude of documents.

As Public Records Officer, this office is responsible for administering the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards, keeping all officials informed of the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Inter-

est Laws; and are responsible for posting meetings of all governmental bodies. Providing access to public records in compliance with State Records Law and corresponding regulations, we performed innumerable search requests and conducted or assisted with genealogical research for members of the public.

The town, in conjunction with General Code, began the project of codifying our general and permanent records. Codification is the collection and organization all of our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. When this effort is completed in 2006, citizens will be able to access the code via the town website ([www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov)) to examine Dalton's Bylaws and the Rules & Regulations of various town boards.

As accountability includes maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials, we have initiated an ongoing restoration project in an effort to preserve and restore Dalton's earliest records which were decomposing daily due to acidic paper and ink which devours these irreplaceable documents until they crumble and/or are illegible. We are therefore compelled to preserve this priceless heritage for posterity, and are pleased to report that a total of eight handwritten volumes plus many individual historical records have been preserved; partially as a result of grants from the Dalton Cultural Council and the donated proceeds of Ray Fischer's book, *The Dalton Papers*.

As always, I extend my sincere appreciation to my staff, Assistant Town Clerk Malia Windrow Carlotto and Dawn M. Fahey for being the kind of personnel everyone desires—warm, friendly, sensitive and hardworking. We are fortunate to have them. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their continual support.

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED**

Males	106
Neutered Males	436
Females	82
Spayed Females	514
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (3 – 4 Dog Permits)	16
Multiple Pet Permit (2 – 5 Dog Permits)	0
Multiple Pet Permit (1 – 6 Dog Permit)	12
Transfer Licenses	2
TOTAL 2005 DOG LICENSES ISSUED	1,169
TOTAL NUMBER LATE FEES ASSESSED	200
TOTAL LICENSE/LATE FEE AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 12,859.00
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL/POLICE FINES, COURT FEES & MISC. PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 6,366.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 19,225.00

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Births	52
Deaths	89
Marriages	30

**FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED**

Resident Fishing	38
Resident Minor Fishing Ages 15-17	2
Resident Fishing Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	5
Resident Fishing Handicapped/Over 70 (FREE)	14
Non-Resident Fishing	1
Non-Resident Fishing (3 Day) 1	
Duplicate Fishing	0
Resident Citizen Hunting	9
Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	0
Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game)	2
Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	1
Resident Minor Hunting Age 15-17	0
Resident Citizen Sporting	42
Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 (HALF PRICE)	9
Resident Sporting Age 70 & over (FREE)	51
Duplicate Sporting	1
Archery Stamp	28
Primitive Firearms Stamp	39
Waterfowl Stamp	3
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Resident	106
Wildlands Conservation Stamp – Non-Resident	4
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES/STAMPS ISSUED</b>	<b>356</b>
<b>AMOUNT PAID TO</b>	
MA DIVISION FISHERIES & WILDLIFE	\$ 4,134.00

**2005 BIRTHS**

ASHER MICHAEL DEMARY	HAYES, SAWYER ELLIOT
BENCIVENGA, MIA ALEXANDRA	HOFFMAN, KEEGAN EDWARD
BERNIER, ABRIANA LEE	HOFFMAN, OWEN SAMUEL
BERTOLINO, ELIZABETH ANN	KAZIMIERCZAK, SOPHIA VERA
BERTOLINO, MATTHEW RAYMOND	KOTELNICKI, HOLDEN JOSEPH
BOATENG, LUTHER AFRIYIE	LABEAU, KENNA RAE
CARKHUFF, LEAH MARIE	LARKIN, BELLA CHRISTINA
DROSEHN, JASON JEAN	LONG, EMMA FAITH
DUNHAM, THOMAS PAUL	LYMAN, JAXYN COLE
EMERSON, MALAKAI JAMES	McLAUGHLIN, PATRICK JOHN
ESKO, NORAH ELAINE	MELLE, BRAEDYN VICTOR
FARLEY, OWEN MITCHELL	OCHS, AUTUMN MARIE
FLETCHER, ELLIOT JAMES	ROBERT, BREANNA ROSE
FRIEDMAN, HANNAH GRACE	SAYERS, MASON ANTHONY
GAMBERONI, OLIVIA JEAN	SLADE, CINDY EILEEN
GOONAN, GABRIELLE WHITNEY	STEFANIK, KATARINA JOANNE
GREEN, SOFIE MARIE	TONEY, AYANNA LORRAINE
HANSEN, JACOB MARTIN	TRAVERSA, LOGAN MICHAEL
HART, OWEN MARCEL	WOOD, ASHLYN SOPHIA

TOTAL 52 (INCLUDES 14 IMPOUNDED BIRTH RECORDS NOT LISTED ABOVE)



**2005 DEATHS\***

ANO, MARY THERESA	McCONNELL, ARLENE S.
BAKER, BESSIE EVA	MOLE, MARGARET ANN
BALARDINI, GINO M.	MURRAY, MARY AGNES
BATES, JR., EDWARD L.	O'GARA, CATHERINE FRANCES
BILODEAU, BARBARA F.	PERRAULT, GEORGE V.
BIRON, BETTY C.	PERSSON, IDAMAY
BOGARDUS, DOROTHY M.	PETTIBONE, EUGENE E.
BOOTH, HAROLD M.	PIPER, WINTHROP WALKER
BRENNAN, DENNIS H.	POCHINCHUK, ELAINE FLORENCE
BRENT, BETTY-JEAN	POINCELOT, DUANE W.
BROYLES, JOE FLOYD	POWELL, CHARLOTT R.
BUTLER, DAVID ANDREW	QUINN, FRANKLIN J.
CAHILL, JOHN D.	REFEEN, MARY JANE
CANDE, EILEEN N.	REYNOLDS, LORRAINE BEVERLY
CASH, DONALD	RITTER, EDMUND A.
CUDWORTH, GERTRUDE M.	RUDD, IONA E.
DINICOLA, PETER JOSEPH	SCOTT, JR., SIDNEY SMITH
DOWLING, MICHAEL S.	SHAW, JOSEPHINE MARIE
ENRIGHT, BEVERLY E.	SILVERNAIL, MARTHA MAY
ESTES, RAYMOND B.	SIMONS, FLOYD WARREN
FERRYALL, RICHARD C.	SMITH, MARGARET MURIEL
FORGEY, MURIEL DREW	SNYDER, ELIZABETH A.
FOX, SHIRLEY ANN	SNYDER, ROBERT A.
GARDIEFF, FREDERICK	SORENSEN, JOSEPH JOHN
GAUDETTE, MARGARET M.	SOULES, HARRY F.
GEOFFRION, GEORGE XAVIER	SQUIRES-WISE, THERESA
GERHARDT, ROBERT FRANCIS	STAFFORD SR., WILLIAM EDMUND
HATHAWAY, ETHEL B.	STEDMAN, DAVID H.
HAWLEY, JR., WILLIAM H.	STEELE, EUGENE K.
HEIDENRY, JOHN JOSEPH	STOWERS, MARJORIE W.
HENAULT, THOMAS A.	STRONG, CHARLES WILLIAM
HICKEY, MARGARET EMILY	SURINER, ROSE MARIE
HIGGINS, FRANCES M.	TAYLOR, SR., ROBERT E.
HINKLEY, AZALIA MARY	TOPPING, HAROLD EDWARD
HOAG, SR., ANDRESS BYRON	TORRES, PETER LAWRENCE
HORTON, GEORGE E.	VIGNALI, ALDO J.
JASEWICZ, DAVID	WALTON, MABEL E.
JONES, HAROLD E.	WEBB, BEATRICE IRENE
KING, SR., HOWARD W.	WILLIAMS, DIANE
KLIRONOMOUS, JOHN	WINTERS, JAMES A.
KNEIPPER, ROY A.	WOOD, BOBBY L.
LEE, DONALD ARLINGTON	YOUNG, STELLA CAROLINE
LUCARONI, CAMILLO CHARLES	ZANOLLI, MINNIE RITA
MACKAY, MARY A.	ZINK, STEVEN DUANE
MASON, ELIZABETH MARY	

TOTAL - 89

\*Not all deaths listed were Dalton residents. Any person whose death occurs while a resident of a Dalton nursing home is included in the Dalton record. Also, some Dalton residents die out of state. Unless the family establishes the death record here by deposition, those deaths are not part of the Dalton record.

## TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**Jane A. Carman, CMMC**

Real Estate, Personal Property, Fire District, and Fire District Personal Property Tax bills are due semi-annually; the first half in November or December, depending on the setting of the tax rate. The taxpayer has 30 days from the date of issue to apply for abatement. The second half is due May 1st. If bills are not paid in full by May 1st, a \$5.00 late fee and 14% interest is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the Tax Title process begins. Ten parcels were taken in FY2005.

Many mortgage companies and banks pay the taxes through the escrow system. We are happy to provide them with the amounts due when requested; the taxpayers are encouraged to send a copy of the bill to their mortgage company as well.

Personal Property and Fire District Personal Property delinquencies are resolved in Small Claims Court when necessary. More often than not, the notification of a court date prompts the taxpayer to settle the bill. In FY 2005, the court set a date for four delinquent taxpayers to appear; all four settled their bills before the court date.

Motor Vehicle bills are due 30 days from the date of issue. After that, a \$5.00 late fee and 12% interest is added. If the total amount is not paid in 14 days, the bill is forwarded to the Deputy Collector, and an additional \$10.00 fee is added. For each step of the collection process, additional fees and interest accumulate, culminating in marking at the Registry of Deeds at \$20.00. Marking at the Registry prevents renewal of license and registration.

Sewer bills are due October 1st and April 1st. If not paid by the due date, a \$5.00 late fee and interest of 14% per annum is added. If the late bill is not paid, the entire amount is added to the next year's Real Estate Tax bill as a Sewer Lien.

The Board of Certification of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association has renewed my Certification as a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector for an additional period ending December 31, 2010. Candidates are eligible for renewal of their certificates every five years. Renewal is granted only to those previously certified candidates who continue to attend the Annual School of the Association at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in August each year, and successfully complete the required courses in municipal law, finance and administration. I thank the good people of Dalton for supporting my efforts which culminated in this achievement and honor. I believe that the better informed and more knowledgeable the public official, the better the community is served.

I also want to express special thanks to Assistant Collector Sue Wellspeak, whose dedication and integrity are valuable assets to the Town.

*Please see charts on next two pages.*



TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/2004	Commitments	Abatements	Exemptions	Refunds	Received	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2005
Real Estate	2005		\$7,702,490.23	\$ 12,822.51	\$27,775.00	\$ 32,506.63	\$7,532,039.79		\$ 162,359.56
Sewer Lien	2005		\$ 14,812.70	\$ 199.39			\$ 12,339.31		\$ 2,274.00
Water Lien	2005		\$ 1,164.20				\$ 318.50		\$ 845.70
Real Estate	2004	\$138,014.52					\$ 54,543.96	\$ 83,470.56	\$ 0.00
Sewer Lien	2004	\$ 2,549.46					\$ 495.15	\$ 2,054.31	\$ 0.00
Water Lien	2004	\$ 68.22					\$ 68.22		\$ 0.00
Real Estate*	1999	\$ 3,502.03					\$ 3,502.03		\$ 0.00
Personal Property	2005		\$ 189,192.53	\$ 623.41		\$ 117.09	\$ 188,440.37		\$ 245.84
Personal Property	2004	\$ 858.13					\$ 858.13		\$ 0.00
Farm	2005		\$ 122.50				\$ 122.50		\$ 0.00
Farm	2004	\$ (150.00)				\$ 150.00			\$ 0.00
Forest	2005		\$ 224.00				\$ 224.00		\$ 0.00
Motor Vehicle	2005		\$ 667,641.81	\$ 13,740.03		\$ 7,045.93	\$ 604,711.71		\$ 56,236.00
Motor Vehicle	2004	\$ 79,182.50	\$ 130,538.85	\$ 8,155.15		\$ 6,407.14	\$ 195,580.76		\$ 12,392.58
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$ 12,822.12	\$ 7,079.91	\$ 892.60		\$ 883.21	\$ 13,864.67		\$ 6,027.97
Motor Vehicle	2002	\$ 3,485.83					\$ 1,331.67		\$ 2,154.16
Motor Vehicle	2001	\$ 2,701.78					\$ 134.27		\$ 2,567.51
Motor Vehicle	2000	\$ 2,947.39					\$ 136.46		\$ 2,810.93
Motor Vehicle	1999	\$ 2,350.64					\$ 171.25		\$ 2,179.39
Motor Vehicle	Prior		\$ 81.87				\$ 81.87		\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$248,332.62</b>	<b>\$8,713,348.60</b>	<b>\$ 36,433.09</b>	<b>\$27,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,110.00</b>	<b>\$8,608,964.62</b>	<b>\$ 85,524.87</b>	<b>\$ 250,093.64</b>
Fire District	2005		\$ 222,692.09	\$ 370.73		\$ 3,962.12	\$ 220,533.16		\$ 5,750.32
Fire District	2004	\$ 4,850.94				\$ 71.06	\$ 2,301.64	\$ 2,620.36	\$ 0.00
Fire Personal	2005		\$ 5,469.81	\$ 18.01		\$ 9.52	\$ 5,454.36		\$ 6.76
Fire Personal	2004	\$ 27.81					\$ 27.81		\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 4,878.75</b>	<b>\$ 228,161.90</b>	<b>\$ 388.74</b>		<b>\$ 4,042.70</b>	<b>\$ 228,317.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,620.36</b>	<b>\$ 5,757.08</b>

\*Taxes in Litigation

Other Than Taxes Collected FY 2005

Account #	FY	Balance 6/30/2004	Commitments	Abatements	Refunds	Received	Adjustments	To Lein	Balance 6/30/2005
Police Detail	246R	2005	\$ 31,275.00			\$ 36,765.00			\$ 2,797.50
Admin Fee	4398	2005	\$ 1,608.00			\$ 1,990.50			\$ 62.25
Sewer User	4246	2005	\$ 501,945.48	\$ 1,823.35	\$ 42.50	\$ 480,478.79			\$ 13,685.84
	4246	2004	\$ 16,546.21			\$ 3,682.50		\$ 12,863.71	\$ 0.00
Sewer Late Fee	4245	04/05	\$ 1,970.00			\$ 1,970.00			\$ 0.00
Cemetery	4378	2005	\$ 34,289.00			\$ 35,049.00			\$ 246.00
Other Interest	4174	2005	\$ 8,215.42			\$ 8,215.42			\$ 0.00
Interest	4171	2005	\$ 17,794.01			\$ 17,794.01			\$ 0.00
Returned Checks	4330	2005	\$ 125.00			\$ 125.00			\$ 0.00
FD Tax Title Ad	4844	2005	\$ 88.84			\$ 88.84			\$ 0.00
Court Fees	4844	2005	\$ 360.00			\$ 360.00			\$ 0.00
Demand Fees	247D	2005	\$ 8,560.00			\$ 8,560.00			\$ 0.00
Warrant Fees	247W	2005	\$ 6,640.00			\$ 6,640.00			\$ 0.00
Deputy Fees	251R	2005	\$ 13,837.00			\$ 13,837.00			\$ 0.00
RMV Fees	4175	2005	\$ 4,660.00			\$ 4,660.00			\$ 0.00
Municipal Liens	4321	2005	\$ 5,725.00			\$ 5,725.00			\$ 0.00
Trailer Park Fees	4165	2005	\$ 4,608.00			\$ 4,608.00			\$ 0.00
Sewer Hook-up	4467	2005	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00			\$ 0.00
Highway Excav.	4377	2005	\$ 550.00			\$ 550.00			\$ 0.00
Alarms Comms.	4331	2005	\$ 1,530.00			\$ 1,530.00			\$ 0.00
Selectboard	4810	2005	\$ 16,648.21			\$ 20,497.43	\$ 38,846.00		\$ 0.00
Hinsdale Sewer	4746	2005	\$ 38,846.00			\$ 15,000.00			\$ 0.00
Fire Dis. Reimb.	4811	04/05	\$ 8,000.00			\$ 2,967.69			\$ 0.00
Interest MM	4820	2005	\$ 2,967.69			\$ 1,963.35			\$ 0.00
Pinegrove Sewer	4181	2005	\$ 1,963.35			\$ 392.50			\$ 0.00
Duplicate Bills	4382	2005	\$ 392.50			\$			\$ 0.00
Hinsdale									
Calibration	1791	2005	\$ 1,675.00			\$	\$ 1,675.00		\$ 0.00
Tax Title Ad									
Reimb.	146303	2005	\$ 399.78			\$ 399.78			\$ 0.00
Prep/Post Ad	247R	2005	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00			\$ 0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$ 37,133.68</b>	<b>\$ 1,823.35</b>	<b>\$ 42.50</b>	<b>\$ 681,874.81</b>	<b>\$ 40,521.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,863.71</b>	<b>\$ 16,791.59</b>
<b>Taxes Collected</b>						<b>\$ 8,608,964.62</b>			
<b>Fire District Collected</b>						<b>\$ 228,317.17</b>			
<b>Other Collected</b>						<b>\$ 681,874.81</b>			
<b>Total Collected FY 2005</b>						<b>\$ 9,519,156.60</b>			

**BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

**Eileen Myers**, Vice President of Home Care, Berkshire Medical Center

**OVERVIEW:** The Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association has provided more than 100 years of service to the residents of Berkshire County. Our public health services are provided with the support of the Boards of Health in Berkshire County. Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association, through the Dalton Board of Health, provides disease prevention and health promotion services throughout the year to the residents of Dalton. These services include regularly scheduled prevention clinics where residents receive personal attention in:

- monitoring blood pressure
- testing blood sugar
- counseling on health related issues and
- referral as necessary to other medical care providers and wellness programs

Immunization clinics are held on request to provide routine immunization to children and adults. These clinics include the annual influenza and pneumonia clinics in the fall. Routine childhood immunizations and lead testing are also available. Communicable disease reporting and tracking is an ongoing part of the Public Health program.

**Immunizations**

Influenza	351
Pneumonia	0

**WELLNESS PROMOTION:**

- 276 Individuals were served at health promotion clinics in the year 2005
- Clinics were held at 5 different sites (the town hall, community house, and the 3 senior housing sites)
- 351 flu shots were given
- Individual facial screening for and prevention of sun damage was made available to participants of the Triad Picnic

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TRACKING:** Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires reporting of all communicable diseases. The following incidents were reported, investigated and received follow-up.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| • 1 Viral Meningitis | • 2 Invasive Streptococcus |
| • 1 Rabies           | • 1 Tuberculosis           |
| • 1 E.coli           | • 4 Lyme                   |

**COLLABORATION:** Our Public Health coordinator, Cindy Croce, RN, works with the Dalton Council on Aging to provide coordination of services for residents. Primary providers, Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities receive State Department of Public Health vaccines and immunization information. Curtis Manor and Sugar Hill residents were provided administration of flu vaccine. As a member of the community health care continuum of Berkshire Health Systems, collaboration with and referrals to the other health care professionals are readily made. During time of illness or disability, BVNA professional home care clinicians provide treatment and health guidance for the entire family. Registered Nurses, Physical and Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and trained Home Health Aides are part of the team to provide care and assistance in

BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION 2005 HEALTH PROMOTION CLINICS

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Unduplicated													
Male	9					2		1					12
Female	26		1			2	1	7	4			1	42
Total	35	7	1			4	1	8	4	0	0	1	61
Number of visits	35	37	33	27	27	28	17	26	27	119	230	19	625
Number of clinics	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	5	1	5	52
Number of clinic hours	7	7	7	7	7	7	3.5	8	7	8.5	3	9.25	81.25
Travel/Set-up	4	4	4	4	4	4	1.5	4	5	4.5	2	4	45
Blood pressure >140/90	8	12	9	8	5	7	4	4	9			4	70
Blood Sugar screened	1	7	4		5	2		3	4			1	27
2hr. after eating>140	1		1			2		2	1			1	8
random > 200	1					2							1
Cholesterol screening													0
Instruction													
Medication	17	7	7	3	2	10	3	4	10			9	72
Diet	15	6	9	4	8	10	3	14	8			11	88
Disease	28	14	8	5	4	5	3	9	10			11	97
Life Style	4	2		3	2	11	216	9	13			14	274
Referral													
Primary care physician	21	10	8		6	5	1		3			6	60
Tobacco Treatment													0
Nutritionist													0
Fasting Blood Work													0
Diabetes Specialist													0
Early Intervention Cardiac Care													0
Skilled nursing													0
Mammogram													0
Colonoscopy													0
Blood Pressure Recheck	13	9	1	7	6	9	7	11	18			14	95

times of illness and family crisis.

Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association wishes to thank the Select Board for the opportunity to serve Dalton residents. Please feel free to call BVNA for information at 1-800-788-2862. We look forward to our continued relationship in maintaining and promoting good health in Dalton.

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**Christopher Cachat**, Chairman

The Traffic Commission has been busy advising all town boards concerning traffic issues. We would like to wish good luck to retiring Highway Superintendent Jim “Cutter” Galliher and thank him for his many years of outstanding service to the town. We look forward to working with his successor, David Laviolette.

The upcoming year looks extremely busy for our growing town, especially with the South Street renovation project coming up. We appreciate all concerns of the residents and look forward to serving them on future projects.

## WEB SITE COMMITTEE

**Frank McDonald**, Chair

The town web site includes links to information about the various departments within the town. We are looking at more ways to make it an invaluable piece of information for town residents. The internet has made it possible for people from all over the world to gain information on people and places. I hope that you will take an opportunity to look over the site and make suggestions on how we can make it a viewer friendly site. Visit us at **[www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov)**

There are a number of plans listed under the Web Site Plans Link, in addition to information about the town, its services, and area in which we live.

I would like to thank Louise Frankenberg for undertaking the task of the initial setup and the continuous updating of the site. I would also like to thank the rest of the committee—William Chabot, Ken Walto, Bob Fox, and Malia Carlotto—for the invaluable input.

### DALTON POST OFFICE

The first postmaster was Squire John Chamberlain. He was appointed by Postmaster General Gideon Granger on May 4, 1812, but the post office did not open until October 1, 1812. Pictures of all Dalton postmasters may be viewed on the second floor of town hall.

*Excerpt from “The Dalton Papers” by R.W. Fischer*

**CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NAME	TITLE	PHONE NUMBER
Dr. Donna Harlan	Superintendent	684-0320
James Stankiewicz	Assistant Superintendent & Title I Director	684-0325
Robert Tensel	Business Manager	684-0325
Pamela Kenyon	Director of Special Education	684-2225
Laura Dumouchel	Becket Washington Principal	623-8757
Jeffrey Hatch	Berkshire Trail Elementary	634-5327
Bruce Collina	Craneville Principal	684-0209
David Kotowski	Kittredge Principal	655-2525
Gerard Dery	Nessacus Principal	684-0780
Tracey Goodrich	Nessacus Assistant Principal	
Thomas Callahan	Wahconah Principal	684-1330
Martin Phillips	Wahconah Assistant Principal	
Rose Goddard	Food Services Director	684-1307
Barbara Westwood	Nurse Leader	655-0109

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls

For Ambulance Service .....	911
To Report a Fire .....	911
For Emergency Police Calls. ....	911
For Other Fire Dept. Business .....	684-0500
For Other Police Dept. Business .....	684-0300

Other Town Services

All Town Hall Departments can be reached by dialing 684-6111 at the following extension numbers:

ACCOUNTANT .....	Ext. 17
ANIMAL INSPECTOR .....	Ext. 28
ASSESSORS .....	Ext. 10
.....	Ext. 22
.....	Ext. 23
BOARD OF APPEALS .....	Ext. 29
BOARD OF REGISTRARS .....	Ext. 15
BUILDING INSPECTIONS .....	Ext. 27
CONSERVATION COMMISSION .....	Ext. 11
CULTURAL COUNCIL .....	Ext. 11
FINANCE COMMITTEE .....	Ext. 11
HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....	Ext. 20
HISTORICAL COMMISSION .....	Ext. 35
INSPECTOR OF WIRING .....	Ext. 27
PLANNING BOARD .....	Ext. 29
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECT. ....	Ext. 27
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE .....	Ext. 20
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES .....	Ext. 11
SELECT BOARD .....	Ext. 13
TOWN CLERK .....	Ext. 14
.....	Ext. 15
.....	Ext. 16
TOWN COLLECTOR .....	Ext. 24
ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR .....	Ext. 25
TOWN MANAGER .....	Ext. 12
TOWN MODERATOR .....	Ext. 11
TRAFFIC COMMISSION .....	Ext. 30
TREASURER .....	Ext. 18
VETERANS SERVICE .....	Ext. 19
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Meeting Schedule

1st Tues.7:30 p.m.
4th Tues.7:30 p.m.
On Chair’s call
3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
2nd Tues. 10:30 a.m.-noon
Each Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 4-6 p.m.;
Fri. 1-3 p.m.

The following departments can be reached by dialing the following telephone numbers:

ANIMAL CONTROL .....	.684-0300	24 hours a day
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT .....	.684-6117	24 hours a day
CEMETERY TRUSTEES .....	.684-6117	2nd Wed. 1 p.m.
COMMUNICATIONS .....	.684-0300	
COMMUNITY HOUSE .....	.684-0260	
COUNCIL ON AGING .....	.684-2000	2nd Wed. 6:30 p.m.
DALTON YOUTH CENTER .....	.684-0120	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT .....	.684-0020	
FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	.684-0500	24 hours a day
FIRE DISTRICT TREASURER .....	.684-6118	
FOREST WARDEN .....	.684-0500	24 hours a day
HIGHWAY/SEWER DEPARTMENT .....	.684-6115	7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
HOUSING AUTHORITY .....	.684-2493	2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m.
LIBRARY .....	.684-6112	
PARKS AND RECREATION .....	.684-0260	
POLICE DEPARTMENT .....	.684-0300	24 hours a day
POLICE DEPARTMENT FAX .....	.684-6108	
STORMWATER HOTLINE .....	.684-0020	
TOWN HALL FAX .....	.684-6107	
WATER DEPARTMENT .....	.684-6118	

**Town Hall Hours: 8–4 Mon.-Wed; Thurs. 8–6**

**Transfer Station Hours: Tues. & Wed., 2–6; Fri. & Sat., 8-4**

**Boy Scout Bottle Drive: First Saturday each month at the Transfer Station**

**A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS—**

**TOWN HALL HAS EXTENDED ITS THURSDAY HOURS TO 6 PM.**

**There is a locked drop box located in the first Town Hall entryway  
on South Carson Avenue for the convenience of residents  
who cannot make payments, etc., during regular town hall hours.**